

Ship. *"Mary Mitchell."*.....

Capt. *Samuel Roy.*.....

Years. *July 14: 1835 to May 17: 1838.*

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✓ 8
11

Therm
68

highest Therm 78
lowest 90 — 71

A Journal of a Voyage from Nantucket towards
the Cape of Good Hope in the Ship May Mitchell
of Nantucket Samuel Joy Master

Tuesday July 14th 1835

The latter part fresh wind from SW at 6 took our anchor
and steered out at 2 past 8 discharged the pilot and steered
E S E with strong Southern tide made at 7 still much
fog at 11 judged we passed Great rip which bears S E $\frac{1}{2}$ E
from Great Point 24 miles round shoal bearing E N E
11 miles shoal of Georges E B N 80 miles North end Fishing
Rip E S E 34 $\frac{1}{2}$ miles So Ende stowed our anchor

Thermom^y
68

Wednesday July 15th

fore part fresh wind from SW and thick fog double reefed the
topsails at 2 hauled up S E 13 E Judging myself up with the
Fishing rip at 6.25 fathoms steered E S E at 8 32 fathoms and
very thick fog 7 men ^{2 boys} down with sea sickness middle and
latter part foggy moderate wind at W SW made sail to E S E
passed a ship spoke a brig bound to New York gave him the
Longitude at 12 Lat 40.30 Long by Chron^o 66.13 height Therm^o 74.

Thursday 16

Begins with moderate breeze from N SW lower E S E employ
fitting the boats 2 hands on the lookout our sick Recovering
air Hazy water deep blue middle part wind started to
South Latter fresh wind some light squalls from South
Course E S E all sail out saw a ship steering N E
all hand employ fitting boats and other things
Lat 40.39 ⁴ Long by Chron^o 63.02.45 by Lunar 62.52 W

highest Therm^y 78
lowest 60

Friday 17th

Commenced with strong S W wind and overcast weather
took in the light sail and double reef toprail, furlled
mainsail middle part much rain and squalls latter calm
and flattering with light rain employ variously a high
swell p. m. West Course E B S throught the 24 hours - we saw
Gulf Weed - Lat 40.39.40 Long by Chron^o 61.43
extrem height Thermometer 76.30 lowest 74.00

Ship Mary Mitchell

Saturday July 18th 1835

Commences with light air and calm with high swell from
N. S. W. middle part calm and cloudy latter moderate N. E.
wind course by E. S. E. made all sail saw a sail in the N. W.
saw grain susses many current rips employ on sundries
at 12 wind at East Lat^d 39.19 Long^d 51.25 Therm^m 74.30

Sunday July 19th

Commences with light winds from East course by S. S. E. all
sail out at 5 tacked to the N. E. middle part course by N. E. E.
latter fresh wind from S. E. and cloudy course by E. S. E. all
sail out a brig in sight ahead Lat^d 40.04
Long by chronometer at 8. 60.59 by sextant 60.28 thus
differing 30 miles - Our Long at noon deduced from above 60.30

Monday July 20th

Begins with fresh S. E. winds and cloudy weather all
sail to the East our ship leaks a spell in 24 hours
middle part fine weather latter brisk S. S. W. wind
and fine weather course E. S. E. all sail out saw Gulf
weed also 2 sail in the South and S. W. all hand
employ on useful duty so ends all well on board
Lat^d 40.01 Long by Chr^m 57.49 36 by lunar 57.33

Tuesday July 21st

Commences with fresh wind and some squalls from
S. W. course E. S. E. left our vessels far behind middle part
fresh wind and rainy latter calm some fine rain and
very warm weather lowered our boats to exercise our
crew at 11 small breeze from N. S. W. course E. S. E.
Lat^d 39.01 Long 54.20 some gulf weed weed

Wednesday July 22nd

fore part light breeze from N. S. W. course E. S. E. all sail
out employ on sundries middle part moderate wind
and rainy latter small wind from West course E. S. E.
all sail in many squalls fine rain sent up Royal
masts 2 sail in sight so ends Lat^d 39.12
Long 52.20 this day we have had very warm
blue weather the thermometer averaging 80 deg Fahren

Towards the Cape of Good Hope.

Thursday July 23-1835

four part light rain inclining to calm and hot sultry weather our
course E by S sent up main royal at 7 a breeze apparently
French Close to us bound to the Eastward middle part calm

79th { Latter fresh wind with squalls and fine rain with thunder
and Lightning Course E by S all sail out 4 sail in sight
Lat 00° 30' 44 Long 50° 26 a strong southern current
Our course and distance will give little or no diff Lat.

Friday July 24th

76th to 79th { Commences with light baffling winds calm at times
Course East all sail out 4 sail in sight middle part
moderate South wind Latter wind light and baffling and
varying from SE to SW and fine rain thunder and
lightning saw a water spout and one sail the air close
and sultry So Ends Lat 00° 39' 09 Long 48° 33

Saturday July 25th

78th to 79th { Four part light baffling winds small squalls from SW to South
Course East all sail out at 6 calm this is a dull Passage
so far middle part calm latter light wind and pleasant from
SE to SW Course to the East under all sail saw many
Grampuses So Ends Lat 38° 53 Long 46° 30 southern current

Sunday July 26th

79th to 80th { Begins with light winds clear and very hot weather our course
East all sail out employ an necessary duty middle part
calm latter light winds and pleasant weather from South
Course East all sail out many Grampuses seen more than ever
I saw before in a whole voyage Lat 00° 39' 36 Long 45° 17

Monday July 27th

light winds and very fine weather at 11 SW Course E by S all
sail out saw many Grampuses picked up a bottle nothing in it
saw Cowfish middle part small winds mostly from
South Latter part fresh wind and cloudy weather
From South steered E by S under all sail at 10 saw
a sail ahead set up the topmast rig employ making
mats and other duties so Ends Lat 00° 39' 40
Longitude by Chron 42° 40 by 10 diff alt
mean height of the thermometer this day 78° 30

Ship Mary Mitchell From
my birth day. Remarks On Tuesday July 28th 1835

Commences with moderate wind from South Course
by E S E all sail out middle part strong South wind
some squalls took in light sails latter fresh wind from
South Course by E S E all sail out saw 2 sail to the
South So ends Latth 39.27 Long 39.40 Ther 7 saw
begins my 41st year

Ther
74th

Wednesday July 29
Gale part strong south wind Course by E S E all sail at
4 more moderate passed a large ship and at 5 P M a brig
took in sail 3 miles from us she was a whaler men by
her boats and men aloft false ports no head middle and
last part small wind from S B E Course by E S E and
E S E all sail out saw a sail off the lee beam so ends
all hands employ variously Latth 39.41 Long 37.11

Thursday July 30th
Commences with light winds from South steer'd by E S E
all sail out one sail in the S E Long by Lunar at 4 P M 36.37
middle part light airs Latter small winds from South
Course by E S E all sail out 4 sail in sight one a bark
whaler men astern So ends Employ fitting our cutting
gear Saw many Grampuses Latth 39.40 Long 35.35

Friday July 31st
light airs from South Course by E S E all sail out a ship
ahead maneuvering lost our bat overboard Long Lunar 35.38
winds as above Latter moderate wind from S S E and
South Course by East and E S E all sail out 4 sail
in sight 2 of them appear to be Whalers saw some
Porpoises Latth 39.36 Long 34.08 Ther 72.36 to 74

Ther
72.0

Saturday August 1st
fresh South wind and cloudy several sail in sight
headed to the Eastward Long by Lunar at 4 P M 34.00
by which with the 3 last lunars Our Chronometer agrees
very near middle part moderate wind Latter fine weather
wind from South Course by E S E 5 ships in sight
and we outtail them all - at 8 Saw Flores bearing
E S E dist about 50 miles at 9 saw Corvo So ends
Latth 39.35 Long by thro 32.10 Ther 72 to 75

Antucket towards the Cape of Good Hope

Remarks on Sunday August 2^d

Commences with moderate wind at 5 B.W. steers E.S.E. at 4
Long by Ch. 31.52 by Sextant at 5 - 31.44 both being as
exact as we could wish saw 12 sail 7 of them we could
see were ships at 7 West part of Flores bore S.B.E. 12 miles
at 11 Calm wore off latter light S.W. wind stood in went on
shore bro't off 2 loads Potatoes 9 ships here chiefly N.B. & J.
2 Sag Harbor and One of Rochester Our Chron. is Right

Monday August 3^d

fore part moderate wind at 4 came on board with 2
loads of Onions and Potatoes stood off to the N.W. -
Latter part light West winds stood in at 5 went on shore
took of two loads Onions and some hogs and at 12 bore
away to the E.S.E. so ends Our Chronometer by careful
Observation is right to a minute nothing more exact.

Tuesday August 4th

moderate N.W. wind and fine pleasant weather steered
S.E. B.S. at 7 Flores bore W.N.W. the middle about 20 miles
distant middle part moderate N.W. wind latter squally from
N.E. course S.E. at 8 saw many breaches to the S.W. run for them
found them Grampasses picked a whale ship very near to her
with one man a loft saw Blackfish at 9 saw Fayal bearing
E.S.E. far off Lat. 38.24 Long 29.55 - Ther 74.00

Wednesday August 5th

Strong N.E. wind thick and rug course S.E. at 5 saw Peak of
Pico bearing E.B.N. 10 miles distant kept off S.B.E. saw 2 sail
to windward middle part cloudy latter part strong wind and
overcast weather course South all sail out a ship in Co
steering with us so ends Lat. 35.34 Long 28.20

Thursday August 6th

fresh wind and cloudy from East course by South all
sail out saw many current rips one sail in the N.E. one in
the West middle part light squalls of rain latter moderate
wind varying from N.E. to East some fine rain course
South all sail out a ship in company steering as
we do - passed thro many current rips and we have
a S.W. current - Lat. 34.41 Long 28.00 Ther 74.00

Ship Mary Mitchell From Nantucket
Friday August 7th 1835

Therm 74
Commences with moderate wind from East course South
all sail out nothing seen but one ship in middle part
squally took in light sails latter fresh winds and fair
weather from East course South all sail out one ship
astern No outsail all we see Lat^t 32.32 Long 27.14
Saturday August 8th

Small winds and cloudy from East course South all
sail out at 6 saw a Brig in the S E steering West
middle part fine weather Latter small winds from
North all sail out course South one Brig in sight
steering W S W So ends sett up our rig and other
useful jobs Lat^t 31.02 Long 26.47 Therm 76
Sunday August 9th

Therm 76
light airs from W N W course South all sail set nothing
to be seen middle and latter parts calm clear and
warm nothing to be seen and nothing done it being Sunday
We try to keep it Properly - Lat^t 30.30 Long 26.34
Monday August 10th

Therm 76
begins with a profound calm and very warm middle
part calm Latter small East wind course by South saw
blackfish could not strike sent down main yard to fit
chain sheets So Ends Lat^t 30.01 Long 26.31
Tuesday August 11th

light winds from East course South all sail out fitter
crossjack yard with chain sheets middle and latter
Strong E N E wind and cloudy course South all sail out
saw nothing employ rattling the rig and tarring
So Ends Lat^t 28.06 Long 26.00 Therm 75
Wednesday August 12th

Therm 78
Strong N E trade and very cloudy weather course South
passed a brig steering West middle and latter part strong
wind from N E course South all sail out saw
nothing but cow fish so ends employ rattling down
the rig and other necessary duty one ship sails
fast very fast - Lat^t 25.28 Long 25.21

To the Cape of Good Hope in 1835

Thursday August 13th 1835

fore part strong trades from NNE all sail out to the SSW saw nothing our ship has a small leak about two spells in 24^h middle and latter part fresh NNE trades and cloudy course
Thurs 78 SSW all sail unbent the fore sail to alter it employ rattling down rig. Lat 23-00 Long by alt 25-02

Friday August 14th

fresh winds and rug from NNE course SSW all sail out nothing seen middle and latter part moderate NNE wind
Thurs 78 and cloudy Hazy weather course SSW all sail shifted the maintop sail nothing seen Lat 20-53 Long 25-03

Saturday August 15th

Commences with moderate NE wind and cloudy dark weather. Course SSW all sail out middle part overcast latter moderate wind from NNE to ENE and fine weather steered South all sail out Long by Lunar at 8 A.M. 24-25 by Chr at same time 25-10 differing 45 miles our Long at M.P.L. by Chr deduced from above 25-02 Lat 18-54 height Therm 78-00

Sunday August 16th

fore part moderate ENE winds course South at 4 squalls of wind and rain steered SSW at 6 shortened sails to three topsails middle part rainy latter fresh SE winds at daylight saw St Antonio bearing SSW steered SSW 4 sail in sight at 12 the land 15 miles dist and calm 40 ends

Monday August 17th

fore part calm and flattering winds all round we working to the South all we can middle part light air from North star
82 SSW latter small winds from NE course SSE all sail at 12 South part St Antonio bore NE by compass Lat 15-33 Long 25-45

Tuesday 18th August

Commences with moderate wind from ENE course by SE all sail out passed very near a suspicious looking Sch^h who had a black flag set there being another ship not far off he did not seem to mind us at 6 shortened sail latter part made sail and steered SE 13 passed a barge standing to the NW saw a ship in the NE at 11 saw Togo bearing SSE 30 miles at 12 saw Brava bearing SSW Lat 15-29

Ship Mary Mitchell From Nantucket.

Wednesday August 19th

commences with moderate wind from NE run down by
Prava and hauled to the SSE saw a ship in shore
Them 80 at 5 calm middle part calm. latter moderate ENE
wind and fair weather course SEBS saw 2 sail
took down and fitted a spare boat Lat 14.00 Long 24.26
caught a porpoise

Thursday August 20th

strong ENE wind and cloudy weather course
80 SSE all sail saw a brig and ship steering South
middle and latter part fine wind and cloudy weather
from NE course SP all sail out saw a Barque in
the ENE to Ende Lat 11.58 Long 23.00

Friday August 21st

commences with moderate NE wind and fair weather
course SSE all sail out a heavy swell from SSE
80 middle part light rain latter variable squally with
rain mostly from SW course by to the SE and much
rain no Obs. Lat by acct 11.03 Long 22.27

Saturday August 22nd

commences with squally wind from SW and much
81 rain course to the SSE middle and last part moderate
wind and fair weather from WSW to SW course
by to the SSE nothing seen Lat 10.10 Long 21.20

Sunday August 23rd

Them 81.30 commences with small wind from WSW course
by South all sail at 5 squally all rain took in
light sails. latter part light air inclining to calm
saw a sail astern Lat Obs 9.19 Long 20.53

Monday August 24th

four part light air from WSW at 3 calm and rain
at 4 light westerly wind at 5 calm middle part light
westerly wind and hard showers of rain course SSW
latter part wind cloudy thick weather with much
rain from WSW course to the South all sail out
two sail in sight astern No Obs. Lat by acct 8.33
Them 78 and 79 No Obs Long by acct 20.36
Saw the sun once thro the clouds

Towards the Cape of Good Hope in 1835

Tuesday August 25th

79 Commences with strong wind and squally mostly from SW to SW at 4 tacked to the westward middle strong wind at 12 tacked to the SSE. Latter strong gales and squally double reefed the topsails with heavy rain till 9 AM then lighted up wore ship to the West. Saw 23 sail of the lee beam standing to the S.E. a hazy blue sea all round so ends. Lat 6° 33' Long 20° 18' by light.

Wednesday August 26th

Commences with heavy wind from SW and cloudy course by West at 5 heavy squalls of rain wind starts to SW wore ship to SSE a violent sea middle part squally latter part fresh wind at SW stood to NW made sail passed a mere hunt ship and brig saw 8 ships so ends. Lat 6° 51' Long 20° 51' Ther 74° 30'

Thursday August 27th

79 80 few part small wind at SW course by West at 6 tacked ship to SE saw several sail of vessels middle part calm and flattening. Latter small air from South course by ESE all sail out but we don't get ahead much but patience and long suffering; saw 2 ships bent down mizen. Lat 8° 12' Long 20° 48'

Friday August 28th

79 light baffling tedious wind stood to WSW at 6 stood to ESE middle part a hard rain storm. Latter moderate WSW wind course by South at 10 saw blackfish chased them at 11 took a severe squall wind and rain from NE took in light sails steered South by East and ship in company don't know the Lat 8° 50' Long 20° 38'

Saturday August 29th

78 fresh breeze from SE to SSE and much rain till 4 then calm at 8 light air from SW wore ship to SE all sail out middle part rainy latter light winds varying from SW to South. Course by to South 2 ships astern we outtail them and have made 2 degrees in a week. Lat 7° 44' Long 20° 07'

Sunday August 30th

moderate wind from SW to WSW steered by South with rain all the time middle part rainy latter strong wind from SW all sail out to SE the other ships went out off sight and one lee beam and a heavy Eastern current as we make an ESE course steering SE by compass a dead - Lat 7° 10' Long 18° 31'

Ship Mary Whitehall

Monday August 31. 1835

fresh wind from SW course by SE B S line. SSE at 4 tacked ship to NW then must be an horrible strong Easterly current as we made more diff Long this last 24 hours than the ship sailed distance - if I come this way again I will steer far enough west to avoid the Coast of Guinea - from 8 AM this morning to 4 PM this afternoon the ship made 40 miles Easting by good observations and never went to Eastward of SE B S by compass nor could we calculate she averaged more than 4 knots per hour - I act I am sure from good motives and if they are erroneous I can't help it middle part baffling winds course NW. Latter minute rain came by West and NW B S spoke a Schooner bound to Cape Horn wanted to know the Long gave it to him saw 2 ships and a brig So ends much rain Lat by Act 7.20 Long 19.20

Tuesday Sept. 1

Commences squally with much rain came by to NW at 4 tacked to SE B S set main top. Lt sail saw 3 sail middle part rain stood to NW B S Latter fresh wind stood by West and NW B S all sail out bent new main sail employ making main top sail for we left one old one at home and no old canvas on board - 2 ships in sight we outsail them and out wind them too - Lat 5.36 Long 19.49

Wednesday Sept. 2

Commences with strong wind and squalls from S B W to S S W course by NW B S at 5 Long 20.10 middle part stood to NW B S Latter moderate S S W wind stood by SE all sail out Saw nothing we must have a strong Northern Current as our course will give 30 miles of Lat and our Lat by the to day was only 25 making 11 miles - Long 19.57

Thursday Sept. 3

Commences with fine wind from S S W course by SE all sail out middle part fresh in at S S W line SE Latter strong S S W trade course SE all sail out a Ship off the lee bow a Whaler standing to the SE So ends all hands employ Lat 5.31

Thurs 79.00

Long 18.14

Bound to the Cape of Good Hope in 1835

Friday September 4th

commences with strong trades from S.W. by S. Course by S.E. by S. all sail out at 6 the other ship 4 miles off another on the weather beam middle part strong wind at 4 tacked to the West. Latter part strong winds and very rough stood by West look in light sails set up topmast Rig. Lat^d 4-43 Long 17-48

Saturday Sept 5th

Begin with heavy winds from S.W. came by West at 4 W.B.S. single reefed the topsails nothing seen middle part tacked to S.E. Latter fresh trades from S.W. came by West all sail out if we cant get a favorable wind we must beat our way along and we try all we can. So Ends Lat^d 4-10 Long 18-10

Sunday Sept 6th

as usual the wind steady from S.W. came by nearly West a ship in sight to windward middle part light winds Latter moderate S.W. trades stood to West with all sail out we are every moment expecting a trade from South tho with much anxiety as we want whales. Lat^d 3-49 Long 19-17

Monday Sept 7th

light S.W. trades at 4 tried of going W.B.S. tacked and come up S.E. till 12 mid then headed off tacked ship to W.S.W. at 4 came by West so ends this 24 hours with S.W. trades and fair weather all sail out Lat^d 3-21 Long 19-48

Tuesday Sept 8th

commences with S.W. trades at 4 tacked to S.E. at 7 tacked to W.B.S. bent new main top sail of our own make fitted like a glove middle part tacked to S.E. Latter fresh trades from S.W. B.S. came by S.E. B.S. at 11 wind from South tacked to W.S.W. employ fitting new sails. Lat^d 2-49 Long 19-47

Wednesday Sept 9th

moderate trades from South came by W.S.W. all sail out saw a finback middle part wind from S.W. tacked to S.E. Latter fresh S.W. trades tacked to West saw a finback Sam in hopes to get a S.E. trade soon for the wind has prevailed to S.W. till Sam was to the bone with care I want to get whaling. Lat^d 2-00 Long 20-48

Ship Mary Mitchell

Thursday Sept^r 10-1835

75 Commences with light trades at SBE course by WBS all sail
out at 6 WSW I am glad for every point middle part steady
South wind latter moderate South trade course by WSW
all sail out took up our slops to air them found them
in good order So Ends Lat^t 1-08 N Long 22-00
Friday Sept^r 11["]

76-30 Begins with moderate trades from SBE course by SWBW
all sail sent down mixer tops Lt mast to make new forestay
Latter part cloudy and overcast weather saw Blackfish going
to windward So Ends all sail out to the SW and SWBW
wind at SBE Lat^t 00-08 S Long 23-20
Saturday Sept^r 12["]

77 Commences with light trades from SBE course by SWall
Sail painted the fore and mixer masts middle and last
part fresh trades and fair weather course by SWBS
all sail out passed a ship steering to the ENE so ends
Employ Mr. Sundry Lat^t 1-32 Long 24-20
Sunday Sept^r 13["]

76 Commences with strong trades from SBE course by SWBS
all sail saw boobies middle and last parts fresh wind
and cloudy throughout course by SWBS and SW
all sail out Lat^t 3-10 Long 25-31 by Lunar 25-09
Monday Sept^r 14

Begins with strong SBE winds and passing squalls
course by SW at 7 passed by many schools of fish and
rumbling shoals or reefs quite sufficient to alarm
a person in a dark night but we have an excellent
timekeeper with good observation and know our
situation exactly and also know that no reefs or
shoals are known to exist in our vicinity it is a great
satisfaction to know a ship's place and our chronometer
has hitherto indicated precisely and I place the utmost
reliance on her correctness middle and latter parts very
strong trades from SBE took in light sails course by SW
all sail that will bear So Ends Lat^t 4-58
Long by Lunar 26-15 by Chron 26-41 Therm 78

Towards the Cape of Good Hope in 1835

Tuesday Sept. 15"

Commences with strong fiery trades from S E B S cause by
 77-00 SWS saw Boobies middle part took in main top Gt sail
 Latter strong wind from S E and very rug with high
 swell from South cause by SWS Lat 7-00 Long 27-40 by Lunar 27-30

Wednesday Sept. 16"

Commences a little more moderate set main top Gt sail cause
 by SWS Latter very rug squally with heavy swell from
 79 South sent down main royal yard and mast cause by
 SWS saw a barge merchantman steery SW so Ends
 Lat 9-07 Long 28-10 by Lunar 28

Thursday Sept. 17

Commences with heavy trades from S E cause by SWS
 saw a jumper middle part squally reefed topsails
 77 Latter fresh trades and cloudy set main top Gt sail
 So Ends nothing seen Lat 11-01 Long 28-53 by Lunar 28-49-30

Friday Sept. 18"

Commences more moderate let out the reef and set all
 77 light sails cause by SWS middle part moderate latter
 light wind and fair weather from S E cause by
 SW all drawing sail out saw nothing in hopes too
 soon Lat 13-08 Long 29-32 by Lunar 29-08

Saturday Sept. 19"

Gave part squally trades took in light sails at 4 moderate
 set light sails Latter squally of wind and rain from E B S
 cause South all sail set saw nothing of note
 Lat 15-18 Long 29-55 height Therm 70-30

Sunday Sept. 20"

Commences with strong trades from S E and cloudy
 all sail set to the South middle part fresh trades
 and squally took in light sails Latter strong South
 trades and cloudy saw a sail in the W SW steering
 same course so Ends cause by SWS all drawing
 sail out Lat 17-43 Long 29-53
 mean height Therm 74-00

Ship Mary Mitchell

Monday Sept^r 21st

73 Commences with strong trades and squally from East
course by SBE single reefed topsails. Juled Main
top & sail middle and last part heavy SE & E wind
and high sea double reefed the topsails course by SBE
set up topmast Rigs. Lat^t 19° 54 Long^d 29° 51
lowest rate Therm 64° at 11 70 at noon 73.00

Tuesday Sept^r 22nd

highest
Range
Therm
73 Commences with very strong SE wind course by SBE
at 5 saw Trinidad Island bearing SE & S about 45
miles at 4 and Long^d by L^h 29° 53 shewing an error
of about 15 or twenty miles about 1 minute or 1.200
middle part squally split the SBE latter heavy wind at
East course by SBE with heavy sea mended the SBE so ends
Lat^t 21° 22 Long^d 30° 04 Therm fell to 68 in the Moon

Wednesday Sept^r 23rd

Fore part Strong gales from EBS course by SBE under
Double reefs Bent the SBE saw Breaches to windward
middle and last part strong gales with heavy squalls
from EBS course by SBE all proper sail out so
ends Lat^t 23° 00 Long^d 29° 57 Therm 68 to 72

Thursday Sept^r 24th

Fore part heavy winds and rug sea at 4 more moderate
let out one reef course by SBE latter squally and rainy
from East course by SBE set whole topsails so ends
nothing seen Lat^t 24° 47 Long^d 29° 22 Therm 66 to 69

Friday Sept^r 25th

Commences with strong winds and many squalls
wind and rain from ESE to East course by SE
to East saw finbacks middle part strong winds
and cloudy. latter strong wind from ESE course
by SE all sail out saw a Boig off the lee Beam
staring the same course by SE he had dropped behind
and our Lat^t 26° 31 Long^d by L^h 28° 05
Therm 66 to 69.30

towards the Cape of Good Hope in 1835

Saturday Sept^r 26th

Commences with strong wind and heavy squalls in light sail at 4 more moderate from NE set light sails course SE 13 E the Brig astern latter part squally with rain took in light sails and single reef to sails at 12 wind strong much rain No Obs. Latth by Act 27.50 Long 25.31 Therm 65.67

Sunday Sept^r 27th

Fore part increasing gale from NW heavy squalls wind and rain close reefed to sails steer SE 13 E at 3 run over a whale shot she was a sperm whale could not be certain at 7 wind shifted to SSW latter strong gale from SSE and heavy sea stood by East under close reef to sails & staysails Latth 28.06 Long 24.08 Therm 64 to 67

Monday Sept^r 28th

Commences with heavy wind at SSE stood to East under close reef at 4 passed a whale ship standing to SW at 6 wore ship to the SW Long at 4 PM by Chr 23.52.15 by Lunar 23.49.15 agrees very near latter strong wind at SE hauled by SSW at 7 spoke ship Java N. Bedford 100 bbls sperm oil So ends very squally Latth 28.45 Long 24.19 by Chr at 11 AM Therm 62.63

Tuesday Sept^r 29th

Commences with moderate SE wind and good weather excepting heavy SW swell Lunar at 1 PM Long 24.19 at 4 sent for Capt Smith on board as I had not spoken a ship before since leaving home and I wished to get some information of the ground in these seas latter part fresh wind and fine weather from East hauled by SSE saw many finbacks all sail out the other ship far astern indeed we have them all Behind Latth 30.10 Long 24.56 Therm 6 am 59 at 12 64.00

Wednesday Sept^r 30th

Commences with fresh NE wind course SE 13 E all sail out a high swell from SE Lunar at 2.24.59 by Chr at 3.24.43 middle part increasing wind at NNE latter strong gale from NW and cloudy dark weather course SE 13 E with a high swell from SE at 12 took in fore and main to sail close reefed the main to sail So ends No Obs. To be depended on the estimate at 31.18 Long Obs 22.22 the Therm at 8 AM 64 at 12 67 being 8 degrees higher than yesterday

Ship Mary Mitchell on the
Thursday October 1st 1835

strong gales from NW and dark rainy weather house
✓ St under maintopail and foresail stowed the boats
middle part much rain wind shifted to SSW latter strong
56.30 wind and cloudy from South came by ESE under double
to 59 reefs sent up our cutting tackles in hopes to have a use for
them soon may the Lord grant it Lat 32.10 Long 20.20

Friday Oct 2nd

commenced with heavy wind and squally from SBE
stood by at 3 under double reefs no whales yet and we
are in want of some very much learn continues strong
gales from SE come by ESE under double reefs at 12 saw
a sail ahead Lat 31.30 Long 19.00 Therm 57.30 to 58

Saturday Oct 3rd

heavy winds and rug cloudy weather from SE tacked
✓ to SSW a brig to windward latter part strong SE wind
and ruggid come by SSW under single reefs saw finbacks
and some birds but no whales and I am very anxious
to see some Lat 32.57 Long 19.26 Therm 56.30 to 58

Sunday Oct 4th

Strong winds and squally at SE at 5 tacked to ESE
double reefed topails latter strong SSE wind with heavy
squalls furlled the jib and mainsail close reefed the
topails a heavy swell from East our ship puts her bowsprit
under Lat 32.50 Long 18.43 Therm 56.30 to 57.30

Monday Oct 5th

fore part rather more moderate course by East saw finbacks
✓ latter strong wind and squally from South come by ESE
under single reefs saw many finbacks but no whales
O dear whale Lat 32.25 Long 17.25 Therm 56.30 to 60

got a porpoise N^o 2

Tuesday Oct 6th

fore part moderate wind and fair from SSW course ESE
all sail saw porpoises latter part fresh SSW wind come SEBE
many squalls at 7 carried away our fly jib boom by the hook of the guy
breaking not the first spar carried away by bad iron saw finbacks
Lat 32.38 Long 15.05 Therm 56.30 to 58

Tristan Ground in 1835

Wednesday 7th 1835 October

Commenced with moderate SW wind course SE 13 E at 6 squally
shortened sail. Later light winds and fair weather at SSE course by lat
saw finbacks but nothing else the ground is terrible barren and
I am fairly tired Lat 32.49 Long 13.39 Ther 55 to 52

Thursday 8th October

fore part light winds at SSE at 6 started to SW no one thing off fish
kind to be seen. Later light winds and calm warm and pleasant
saw finbacks but nothing else took down spare boat and fitted
it so end. Lat 33.13 Long 13.30 Ther 55 to 52

Friday October 9th

fore part calm saw right whales going very fast to SE chased
them till night but going too fast started SE 13 S kind at NVE
Later part strong wind at NVE started SE and ESE saw a whale
could not keep the run of her Lat 34.17 Long 11.56 Ther 50 to 54

Saturday October 10th

fore part squally with rain started ESE at 6 have too I am
much in hopes God willing to see whales tomorrow and get
one. Later strong winds and very squally from West started ESE
all sail out saw nothing Lat 34.18 Long 10.00 Ther 60 to 54

Sunday October 11th

fore part strong winds and heavy squalls from West course ESE
at 4 saw a ship in the South at 6 spoke a ship from London
no oil could not understand the name had been off the Tristan
saw nothing - Westward East Later hard gales from West
have too to the SSW - for these some days the water has been
covered with a species of small Portuguese man of war we
have passed thro several - Lat 34.00 Long 7.58 Ther 53.58

Monday Oct. 12th

fore part decreasing gale but high sea at 6 set fore sail
and mixer topsail the other ship ahead Later light winds
at West started ESE with heavy swell from SW saw many
finbacks but no whales at 12 spoke ship. Euronaut of
Aristic Malloy Master 1200 tbs out 2 seasons shot whales
were to the Eastward so end. Lat 33.59 Long 7.00
Ther 50

Ship Mary Mitchell

Tuesday October 13th 1835

fore part moderate wind from NW course E 13 S with dark cloudy weather latter dark overcast weather with fresh wind at NW steered E 13 S saw many finback
Lat 33-47 Long 5-17 W Therm 62 height
Wednesday Oct 14th

fore part strong winds squalls of rain double reefed topsails steered ESE at 5 have too to the SE wind NW
Latter wind more moderate from NW steered ESE thick and rainy with heavy swell from NW Lat 33-45 by alt - Long 3-51 Therm 62.64
Thursday Oct 15th

fore part wind hauled to the South thick and rainy set topsails
Course by ESE middle wind at East backed to SSE Latter wind at ENE thick and rainy at 12 more fair made sail saw nothing Odear
Lat 33-45 Long 3-47 Therm 62.64
Friday Oct 16th

fine weather wind from North steered ESE saw a finback at 6 Shortened sail Latter moderate wind at North course ESE saw finbacks but no Whales I expected to have had 300 bbls now by others talk of this ground I am however disappointed no unusual thing for me my life has been a tissue of disappointments the Will of the Lord be done Lat by Chron 33-49
Long by Lunar at 8-1-18 W by Chron 1-38 W Therm 62 to 67
Saturday Oct 17th

commenced with cloudy and some squalls took in light
63
66
The sails course EWS Latter moderate NW wind course ESE saw the Aeronaunt astern saw also finbacks my hopes are small compared with my wishes Lat 33-29 Long 5-30 E by Lunar 1-20 E
Sunday Oct 18th

fore part fresh wind at NW course SE at 5 shortened sail Latter strong at South course by ESE saw nothing - it is almost impossible to go over what is called good whaling ground see nothing and not inwardly murmur I try not to but my Anxiety for a voyage to be enabled to quit the Seas and live with my family causes me many times to think O that Providence would bless me with the same good fortune as some others but the Lords Will be done - Lat 33-34 Long 2-35 E Therm 54.57

On Tristan

Monday Oct 19th 1835

commenced strong breeze at S W came by S E & at 5 shortened sail
Latter saw many finbacks but no right whales strong S W wind
steered by S E and E S E Lat^d 33-37 Long 4-29 E Therm 54- to 57

Tuesday Oct 20th

fore part moderate till 4 P M then squally from S W and S W
referred to sails came by S E set whole watches again as I think
small of the chance here for right whales and am ordered
farther nor shall I stop excepting for whales latter part fresh
wind at S W came S E caught a porpoise and a gony and
put a tally on him — Lat^d 33-54 Long 6-42 E Therm ^{all day} 56 to 56

Wednesday Oct 21st

fore part fresh wind at S W came S E saw finback at 6 have too
Latter made sail with wind at S W steered S E & saw many
finbacks but no whales I am trying hard to be patient and
put my trust in the Lord — Lat^d 34-12 Long 8-40 Therm 56-57

Thursday Oct 22nd

fore part strong S W wind steered to S E till 7 then have too saw
many finbacks some whale birds no whales no whales no whales
Latter small wind at S W and fine weather saw finbacks come
by S E all sail — Lat^d 34-29 Long 9-47 Therm 57- 57-30

Friday Oct 23rd

fore part moderate S W wind came by S E all sail out
many finbacks seen middle part passed a ship boiling Latter
cloudy wind from S E saw 3 ships saw also several right whales
lowered and chased but they were very shy I am very thankful to
see some no Ob^s Lat^d 34-35 Long 10-15 Therm 57- to 58

Saturday Oct 24th

fore part fresh wind at S E squalls of fine rain saw several
right whales and chased them had could not catch any at 7
shortened sail may the Lord grant us his blessing on the
morrow to obtain one for which and all his other blessings I
am thankful Latter part strong wind at S E and cloudy
dark weather 4 ships in sight saw many finbacks at 11
saw a right whale lowered and chased could not strike him
in hopes to strike one soon no Ob^s Lat^d 34-30
Long 10-30 Therm 62-00 all day

Ship Mary Mitchell

Sunday October 25th 1835

fore part fresh wind and very rug at SE at 5 saw a whale
and chased him very shy should not stop here only the
wind is ahead and in hopes to get one but if the wind comes
about shall go on - at 7 spoke John Adams N Bedford
Rufel master no oil Latter part fresh wind and very
rug saw 3 ships and many finbacks. The wind steady
at SSE no obs Lat 34⁵⁰ Long 10³⁰ Ther 59⁵²

Monday Oct 26th

fore part heavy wind and squally double reefed the topsails
Stood to SW latter part heavy SSE wind stood to East
saw some finbacks very rug and but little chance for
whaling Lat 35¹¹ Long 11⁰⁰ E Ther 62 to 63³⁰

Tuesday Oct 27th

Commenced with heavy wind at SSE close reef topsails cover
by East took up lee boats saw the John Adams far to leeward
Latter part strong wind at SSE and much fine rain stood by
SW saw finbacks and one sail to leeward at 12 clear weather
Lat 35⁰⁴ Long 10⁵⁰ Ther 62

Wednesday Oct 28th

fore part more moderate tacked to the EBS made more sail
Latter part moderate wind at South course SSE but new
mizen topsail at 10 saw whales hauled and struck one
got my boat badly stove and lost the whale 2 irons and
12 line clear - Lat 35⁰⁰ Long 11⁴¹ Ther 60⁰⁰

Thursday Oct 29th

fore part moderate from SW chased the wounded whale
saw a sail astern at 6 shortened sail Latter part moderate
NWN wind course SEBS saw finbacks and one whale going
to windward quick employ mending the boat Lat 35³⁷
Long 12⁴⁰ Ther 62 to 65 -

Friday Oct 30th

fore part moderate wind at NWN course SSE finished
the boat found a cask of Molasses leaked out and old water
bark latter moderate NW wind and cloudy course SSE all
sail out at 12 clear off saw finbacks and one whale going
like John to windward Lat 36¹⁴ Long 14⁴³
Ther 60 to 63

Of the Cape of Good Hope in 1835

Saturday Oct^r 31st 1835

Commenced with fresh wind at WSW saw a ship boiling at 4
saw and chased a whale but it seems there is none meant
for us tho we try hard and hope to get one tomorrow
only one will make my heart leap for Gratitude latter strong
wind from South again - saw 3 ships steering to the East - a south
wind here makes a bad chapping sea in a very short time

Lat^t 36° 36' Long 15° 50' Therm 62 to 63

Sunday Nov^r 1st 1835

commenced with strong South wind took in top of sails
course by ESE middle part stood to SW latter tacked to ESE caught
a porpoise fine weather one sail in sight but this wind I want
a Westerly one Lat^t 36° 52' Long 16° 27' Therm 63 to 67

Monday Nov^r 2nd

fine part wind from South fine weather saw a finback came
by ESE all sail Middle part stood to SWSE latter tacked to East
caught 2 porpoises and lost ground by this head wind I am fairly
tired and have enough Lat^t 36° 44' Long 16° 16' 37' Therm 64 to 65
strong current against us

Tuesday Nov^r 3rd

commenced with head wind from SSW and SE course to
the SSW all sail observed at 3 AM moon and Aquila 16° 32' Pollux
16° 30' Fomalhaut 16° 26' Aldebaran 16° 22' Jupiter 2 distances 16° 21'
Latter part mostly calm saw a Brig standing to the Eastward
all hands employ setting up Rig^s to Pay for their
Quaranteling the rascals - I am in hopes by touching round the
edge of Agullas Bank to see some spermos - the above observations
confirm the correctness of the Chronometer wonderfully
Lat^t 37° 56' Long 16° 30' by L^t - Therm 63 to 67

Wednesday Nov^r 4th

fine part light air from SSW course ESE set studdsail and
all sails middle part strong wind in studdsail Latter very strong
wind at SSW took in top of sails saw many finbacks water
as yet has been dark blue Saw a Brig off the lee beam steering
Same course as ourselves which has been ESE and made 31 miles
Northern or NNE course indicating more than 2 points
Variation besides a Northern Current Lat^t 37° 25'
Long 19° 09' Therm 63 to 67

Ship Mary Mitchell

Thursday Nov^r 5th 1835

Commences with fresh wind from S. W. course S. E. 2
sail off the lee beam steering same course latter part small
air inclining to calm water very green saw 2 finbacks a high
swell from S. W. Lat^d 37.36 Long 20.52 Ther 66 to 70
a high swell from S. W.

Friday Nov^r 6th

Commences with calm till 6 then light wind at N. E. stand
S. E. middle part strong wind took in top 4th sails latter fresh
gale and very rough double reefed the topsails a high sea from
East Lat^d 38.53 Long 22.40 Ther 63 to 68
Water blue

Saturday Nov^r 7th

Commences with increasing wind from N. E. close reef
topsails fore led 1st and mainsail took up the boats stand
E. S. E. saw 3 schools of Blackfish lively ground should have
seen sperm whales had the weather been good a Bad Sea from East
middle more moderate latter light air from N. W. and very
high swell from East saw many Blackfish got two star
S. E. very flatting Lat^d 38.25 Long 24.20 Ther 63.70

Sunday Nov^r 8th

Calm and flatting till 7 then squally wind and rain at
S. W. stand S. E. saw a great many Blackfish and
no hump porpoises 2 finbacks and much Britt
latter moderate N. W. wind cloudy weather came E. S. E.
Nothing seen all sail out at 12 wind from South
broad up Lat^d 38.23 Long 25.55 Ther 64.62

Monday Nov^r 9th

fore part moderate wind at South and dark cloudy
weather course E. S. E. all sail at 6 raining double reef
the topsails middle part raining latter light air and
calm from S. E. to 6th much fine rain Lat^d out 38.00
Long 27.40 Ther 58 to 62

Tuesday Nov^r 10th

fore part calm with much fine rain and thick weather
latter part squally and very raining from South came by E. S. E.
at 9 saw 2 right whales going back to N. W. chased them with
the ship could not come up with them a hoar long swell
from N. W. Lat^d by Act 38. Long 29 Ther 62 to 64
Bad weather for whaling the squalls not to be trusted

Ther
63.57

Indian Ocean

in 1835

Wednesday Nov 11th

fore part calm and flapping out sails saw a whale of the weather
beam 3 miles but tedious baffling winds always at South and
thick rainy weather. I am in hopes to have some good clear
weather soon verily think I shall get a whale when it is good
as the ground is lively at 7 saw the sun the first time in 48 hours
Latter part baffling wind from SSE to ESE tacked to SW no whales
at 10 squalls of fine rain came from the NW wind at SE at 12 calm
No Oil Lat Supp 38.20 Long 28.40 and by Set 29.30 Ther 60 to 62

Thursday Nov 12th

fore part calm saw finbacks at 8 small wind at NE at 7 sharp
Thunder and lightning from NW close reef the topsails weather
very threatening middle part wind shifted to NW latter strong
gales and rain from NW many squalls ran ESE over a whale before
we saw her owing to the sun being right ahead and the whale
going very fast to NW saw also black fish and finbacks and
many birds Lat 39.01 Long by Ch 29.50 by Lunar 30.40 Ther 60 to 67

Friday Nov 13th

heavy wind and squally from NW saw many finbacks came
ESE till 7 then hove too the weather looking very bad the ground
is so lively I feel in hopes to find whales hereabouts at 8 had
squalls wind and rain at NW middle part wind shifted to WSW
Latter moderate from SW with squalls of fine rain of the
Taque. Barten of London 12 whales had got them hereabouts
in Green Water altho by applying his equation wrong he was
8 degrees out of the way thinking himself in 39 Long think the
whales in the SE Lat 38.54 Long by Ch 30.55 by Set 31.15

Saturday Nov 14th

Commenced with strong NW wind and squally course
South till 7 then SE BE how hard that we cannot get even
Only one whale but we have only seen wild ones middle part
squally latter strong gales with heavy sea from West
Rouse SE BE saw finbacks water rather Green at 10 took
in fore and mizen to sails and stowed the boats to E. D.
Lat 39.25 Long by Ch 33.20 by Lunar 34.10
Ther at 5 AM 64 at 12 61

Ship Mary Mitchell

Sunday Nov^r 15th 1835

Commenced with heavy S.W. wind could S.E. till 7 then
hauled to the wind S.E. under main, topsail and foresail with
a heavy sea from West - Therm[°] fell to 53.30 middle part more
moderate latter entirely calm not a breath of wind saw
Blackfish Lat^d 39.51 Long^d 35.30 Lunar 36.08 Therm[°] 50 to 60

Monday Nov^r 16th

fore part calm till 3 then a light breeze from N.W. steer East
saw one supposed whale going Wick to North. Latter part strong
N.E. wind came by E.S.E. at 11 squally shortened sail I think
there must certainly be a northern current as our compass
will not give her but 30 miles Lat^d and we have made 55 there is
about three points variation. Westerly here but we in vain look
for the green water seen by Clarke H. he says all the way from the
cape here the water was green and we also in vain look for the whale
seen so plentiful by him. here we in fact see nothing Our Lat^d 38.46
Long^d by Chron[°] 37.30 by Sext[°] 38.10 Therm[°] 60 to 63

Tuesday Nov^r 17th

fore part more moderate at North steer S.W. to drop the ground
at night stand S.E. Latter moderate till 10 then heavy squally wind
and rain. hove too Lat^d 39.20 indiff^{er} Long^d 39.00 by Chron[°] Therm[°] 63 falling

Wednesday Nov^r 18th

heavy rain and wind at N.W. till 6 then cleared off made sail to S.W.
saw finbacks much thunder and lightning Latter heavy wind from West
came by S.W. under short sail saw many finbacks at 11 more moderate
made sail Lat^d 39.51 Long^d 39.44 Therm[°] 53 to 58

Thursday Nov^r 19th

decreasing wind and started to N.W. steer S.W. took in waist boat
middle part squally saw a light huffed too to S.W. Latter heavy wind and
squalls of rain a ship to leeward of us looks like the Boston and got
a whale we none Lat^d 40.56 Long^d 39.46 Therm[°] 60

Friday Nov^r 20th

fore part hard gales shifting gradually to S.W. lay under main, topsail and
foresail to N.W. a great many whale birds Latter light wind at 9 saw whale
killed 2 got one boat stove and David Mitchell had his arm and leg
broke at 1 got the boat and wounded to the ship leeward
Lat^d acct 40.20 Long^d 39.31 Therm[°] 58 to 60

wrote to M^r Mitchell to George Mitchell
and my wife each a letter

South Indian Ocean

Saturday Nov 21"

fore part calm set our wounded man; limbs as well as we were able had the assistance of Capt. Fitch of Ship Boston of N London We did as well as we were able - but on the whole till night lost the head being very bad cutting with a high swell got in the throat and lips and lashed down.

Latter strong winds and ney cut in our whale and began to boil stood to the N.W. our wounded quite comfortable & 66"

Lat 40-30 Long 39-10 Ther 64

Sunday Nov 22

light wind from N.W. stood to West saw Blackfish and fin backs saw the Barge Latter part moderate wind at N.W. stood to the N.W. saw fin backs at 12 finished boiling our wounded quite comfortable Lat 40-13 Long 40-13 Ther 64 to 65

Monday Nov 23

moderate wind from N.W. stood to W.S.W. saw many fin backs spoke the Barge at 7 shortened sail Latter part fine wind and weather from North Course E.N.E. saw fin backs and 2 porcupine Lat 40-18 Long 40-22 Ther 61 to 65

Tuesday 24"

commences with moderate weather with high swell from S.W. stood to W.S.W. saw fin backs our wounded as comfortable as might be expected Latter part fresh N.E. wind and heavy weather saw one fin back stood to East under main top sail and Foresail Broke up star board main hatchway to stow down an Oil - to End.

Lat 40-11 Long 40-26 Ther 62

Wednesday 25"

commences with strong N.E. wind and thick weather stood to E.S.E. finished stowing down 65 lbs of ground tier lark wore ship to the N.W. our Chronometer is about 40 miles too far West by our lunar Latter part hard gales with heavy squalls wind and Rain from N.E. to North lay too to the E.N.E. at 11 more moderate from N.W. and thick fog to the Lat 40-15 Long 41-00 Ther 63-64

wrote to Mr Mitchell to George Mitchell and my wife each a letter

Ship Mary Mitchell

Thursday Nov 26th 1835

fore part more moderate from NW and a very high sea
at 4 let the fore sail headed to the NE the barometer 41.04
at same time 41.07 latter calm till 9 then wind from
North steered S by E employ mending fore topsail and staysail
ground very barren latter 40.24 Long 41.16 then 62.68
Friday Nov 27th

commenced with strong NE by E wind steered S by E at 3
lunar Long 41.16 Lat 41.20 at 6 weather looking wild
blew reefed topsails at 11 have too heavy rain thunder and
lightning latter fresh N by W wind and thick rainy
weather steered S by E saw a ship steering SE tried to
come up with him on D Mitchell's deck could not
Lat 42.02 Long 42.30 then at 7.62 at 12.58
Saturday Nov 28

fore part moderate wind till 4 then cleared off and blew
heavy from NW then rose to 60 took in topsails and
bows and waist boats at 7 have too to the North on account
of the sea as she lay better headed that way at 8 severe
squalls rain and wind a dark and gloomy time but
we are under Protection of a Good Providence middle part
heavy squalls rain and hail latter rather more
moderate with a high mountainous sea from
West but we have made good weather thro the gap
I should not go so far South only am ordered to go to
the Crozett Islands and without the least prospect of
getting any Oil on account of Bad weather and the farther
South the duller the prospect for nothing is seen but
Wiggins Lat 42.19 Long 43.10 then at 6.52 at 12.58
Sunday Nov 29th

fore part more moderate made sail a bad sea from
all quarters at 6 wind at North corner S by E weather
looks bad middle part heavy NW wind and rainy squally
have too latter at 4 more moderate made sail to S by E at 8
heavy squalls wore ship to E by E I am going down to the
North again for if there were whales as thick as Blackberries
they would be of no use here the weather is too bad to expect

across the Indian Ocean in 1836

Sunday Nov^r 29

any thing with them and altho we were ordered here yet I think in deviating from their orders I consult the good of the voyage we cannot owing to bad weather expect to do any thing in this Lat^t we have found whales in 40 and had good weather therefore tho it is hard to my feelings to go contrary to Mr^r Ellitchell's orders I have not done so without much serious deliberation, at the close of his written orders he expresses a wish and hope that the voyage might be short so as to go again on the same bottom this cannot be done without suitable weather to do it in I have therefore after due and mature tho'ts hauled back to the North we have seen nothing to the South of 41 that looks like whales and we have 4 days a gale of wind and our boats stowed on deck if I have earned it is in vain for me to reflect as it has been with the best judgment I could make up and assisted by my officers — Lat^t 43.10 Long^d 43.50 Ther^m 51.57.54

Monday Nov^r 30

fore part heavy N.W. gales came to the E.N.E. severe squalls at 7 look in fore top sail saw porpoises middle part more moderate set top sail. Latter strong winds and rug from N.W. came by N.E. I hope and pray we may see whales here again as they were down in this Lat^t when we stood out to the South and I confidently hope by the blessing of Providence to have some good weather and see more as we are poor very poor a long time out

Lat^t 41.18 Long^d 45.19 Ther^m 52 to 60

Tuesday Dec^r 1st

fore part strong winds and hazy weather at N.W. stood to N.E. at 3 saw one whale went down never saw him again at 5 shortened sail middle part heavy wind at North hove too at 6 more moderate from West made sail at 10 heavy squalls wind and rain in top sail steer North water very green at 11 saw Right Whales laying like logs hove too furled the foresail heavy gale with hard squalls wind and rain from S.W. saw many birds

Lat^t Dec^r 40.10 Long^d

Ther^m 59. to 50

Ship Mary Mitchell

Wednesday Dec^r 2^d 1835

fore part heavy wind and rain. at 1^h till 2 then ceased raining but heavy gales lay by to the NW water a very light green and the most lively ground for birds we have seen as the water is literally covered with them of several kinds I am now glad I went no farther South as it is evident the whales are all North of 41 and if the Lord blesses us with good weather and success no doubt we shall get some but the weather is very stormy indeed the worst whaling coast I ever cruised on but my Patience is not tired and I trust in the Lord to do something yet with his blessing latter part rather more moderate set topails close reefed to the SW employ mending boat

Lat^d ~~40.49~~ ^{40.19} Long^d 46.05 Ther^m 47.50.57

fore part moderate west wind made Thursday Dec^r 3^d sail at 2 saw 2 whales going quick to windward up ahead of the ship did not get nigher than 3 miles of them had previously put our boats out at 4 wind at North at 6 heavy wind with high swell from NW close reefed topails furl'd Jib and mainsail this weather is fully equal to Cape Horn we have not had a good whale day since we stowed down our oil 4 days ago patience is necessary at all times middle part hard gales at North at 2 have too heavy gale at 5 wind at NW laid rain. at 6 kept off E by S saw a ship steering to the SE we set fore topail close reefed

Lat^d 39.59 Long^d 49.00 Ther^m 58 to 61

Friday Dec^r 4th

fore part more moderate made sail accordingly I don't like the looks of Mitchell's leg I am afraid all is not as it ought to be I pray we may fall in with some ship having a surgeon latter part more moderate made all sail stood E by S at 11 saw a ship in the NW hauled up for him so ended saw nothing

Lat^d 39.42 Long^d 52.00 Ther^m 57

South Indian Ocean

Saturday Dec^r 5th 1835

fore part decreasing wind at 11 at 1 spoke British Bazaar
Lord William Bentinck from London to Sydney
Monro master his Surgeon obligingly came on
board and visited our wounded pronounced him
in a fair way of recovery and bones well set he was
in Lat^d 52.12 at 11 RD had seen many Whales in
36.37 and 38 since leaving Cape Good Hope - at 5 run
over a Whale 2 men aloft and an officer chased him
to windward at 7 shortened sail at midnight bore too
Latter heavy NW gale stood SEBE till just noon then
nearly run over two small large Whales left too
immediately and mean to lay by one week in
hopes to find some whale weather I can't run from
Whales Lat^d 39.59 Long 55.00 Then 57.54

Sunday Dec^r 6th

fore heavy enduring gale from NW lay too to the
NNE millions of various kinds of birds and
lively grounds shall get Whales if have weather
with the Lords blessing and we need it are very
poor Latter stood to SE set foresail at 10 heavy
squalls wind and rain at 11 NW took in foresail
and lay by Lat^d 39.36 Long 56.11 Then 61. to 60

Monday 7th

fore part more moderate some squalls stood to SE
with a very heavy mountainous sea from
West at 6 Quite moderate altho not looking
Quite the thing am in hopes the morrow will
bring Better tomorrow is come and no better - Latter
heavy wind at NW with a most horrid sea from
NW WSW and SE stood ENE at 9 saw 2 whales
going to windward set the mainsail in hopes to get
to windward of them but could not at 11 hard gale
furled mainsail was ship to the North - the will
of the Lord be done if it is not meant for us to get
oil we shall not for vain is mortal without I help
Lat^d 40.38 Long 57.15 Then 60

Ship. Mary Mitchell

Tuesday Dec^r 8th 1835

fore part hard NW gales with heavy gusts at 4 hove too to the North the things seem against us yet Patience perhaps will crown us at last - we saw 2 right whales close to the ship all of the whales we have seen yet are going Westward all we lack now is good weather could we have that no doubt we should get some whales if no accident befell us Later more moderate but terrible swell saw several whales going Westward like wildcats chased them. could not catch any One 3^d officer sick - Lat^t 40.35 Long 57.40 Ther 60.62

Wednesday 9th

fore part a miracle for tis quite good weather. wind NW steered NE saw nothing at 5 shortened sail steered SSE Later tolerable weather wind at NW steered ENE at 11 saw 2 whales going very fast to SW chased them hard and come on board Lat^t 40.19 Long 59.36 Ther 62.66

Thursday 10th

fore part strong NW wind and rug saw whales going like lightning all the whales when we have been trying to get hard gales have been moderate and now with good or tolerable weather they are going like mad but Patience trials are best for us all but we be too much exalted and forget to whom we owe our blessings of which there seems to be no danger on my side on acct of good luck but the Lords will be done - Amen Later part wind at SSE with thick weather and drizzly rain at 9 saw one whale going quick to SW chased him hard to 10 Lat^t 39.40 Long 60.20 Ther 56.66

Friday 11th

fore part strong wind at SE stood to ENE under topails and 1st rib When the wind came westward I am bound off Later strong gales with incessant rain set 1st rib and mainsail down by 6 PM saw one fin back the weather very disagreeable to all on board and neither sun moon or stars to be seen so No obsⁿ Lat^t acct 38.30 Long 61.20 Ther 59.60

Crossing the Indian Ocean in 1835

Saturday Dec^r 12th 1835

Commenced with heavy wind and steady rain. and fog from
SSE at 8 tacked to NW furled S^{ib} and mainsail O Lord what
a we reserved for latter hard gale with fine rain stood by
S^{ib} at 11 ceased raining Lat 38.51 Long 61.20 Ther 58.58

Sunday 13th

Commenced hard SSE gale wore ship to East took in bar
and wait boats Cape Horn is better than this latter set the
mainsail stood to the S^{ib} & passed an old carcass so ended
Lat 38.45 Long 61.46 Ther 60 all day

Monday 14th

Begins the same as last stood to South latter wore stood to
SE furled mainsail and Staysail Lat 39.31 Long 62.02 Ther 59.00

Tuesday 15th

forepart worse still with heavy squalls wind and rain. at 8 SE
hove too at 8 calm at 7 wind at ESE again no indication of change
I can't believe there was ever any good whale weather in
this Ocean for we have had a month of wind and
no prospect of better weather and when the wind comes
at East it lasts forever almost and does vary but little
as it has only varied 4 points in 6 days my condition
is not enviable by any means and others are bad as
our shipmate thinks himself in a decline he is really
miserable all these things such as stoves boats broken
limbs sickness no whales and hard and adverse gales
will soon break me down unless there is an alteration
for the better middle part calm latter light air from NW
and thick fog till 11 then cleared off saw finbacks so ended
Lat 39.15 Long 62.30 Ther 62.66

Wednesday 16th

fore part fine weather chased one whale stood SSE at sunset saw
3 right whales O for a good day tomorrow but it will hardly do to hope
for one morning is come and fine weather at 7 saw whales lowered and
struck broke the iron struck another she run the line chased
her till 11 then struck her again and after sounding 2 times
killed her at 12 got her along side she Lord be thanked for this
Lat 39.36 Long 63.20 Ther 62

Ship Wirry Mitchell

Thursday Dec 17th 1835

fore part moderate N.W. wind at 8 cut in one whale and rose
ship to E.N.E. began to boil middle part rain put out the fire
Latter much rain and plenty of whales wind at S.E. at 12
Run down to a whale Latth 39.38 Long 63.50 Thru 60

Friday 18th

fore part struck and killed one whale got one boat stove
at 3 took her to the ship at 7 finished cutting began to boil
Latter strong wind at North stood to the E.N.E. at 12 squall
of rain put out the fire Latth 39.40 Long 65.20 Thru 64

Saturday 19th

fore part hard squall wind and rain at 4 better began boiling
at 7 more rain put out the fire again this is the hardest
whaling country I ever see middle part made up fire
Latter hard gales from West with heavy sea lay by to
N.W. at 12 out fire Latth 39.43 Long 66.02 Thru 60

Sunday 20th

Commenced with heavy gales and hard squalls with a
Tremendous sea cut up our blubber put it into casks and
put some oil between decks ship labor hard and the
scene above and around us beggars all description let
no man ever talk to me again about whaling in
this country Latter part rather more moderate wind
with a high swell set the works going stood to N.W.
under maintopail and foresail Latth 39.05 Long 66.02

Monday 21st

fresh N.W. wind passing squalls stood to N.W. at 9 finished
boiling thanks to Providence Latter moderate wind from
N.W. broke up last main hatchway to stow down our
oil a high swell from S.W. Latth 38.43 Long 65.59 Thru 62

Tuesday 22nd

fore part fresh wind at N.W. came E.S.E. finished stowing down
110 blbs for which I am thankful middle part raining latter wind
shifted to South with much fine rain and thick foggy
weather stood by E.S.E. under moderate sail passed thro
several strips of white brist 26 and 26.06
Latth 38.50 Long 67.00 Thru 62 to 57.00

Crossing the Indian Ocean

Wednesday Dec^r 23rd 1835

Commences with moderate S.E. wind thick and rainy comes
by S.W. later light N.W. wind and thick rainy weather
leaves E.S.E. all sail out saw nothing at all
Lat^{ty} by Aut 39-00 Long 68-30 Ther 60 to 66

Thursday 24th

fore part thick and rainy from N.W. at 4 shifted to S.W.
going all round the compass in 24 hours and raining
at every point and every hour same light baffling
the South and S.W. wind came by E.S.E. saw several finbacks
in the fog at times very thick Lat^{ty} 38-41 Long 69-55

Friday 25th

fore part small air calm and foggy from South nothing
seen or done I should like to be 90 miles South for whales
but the wind acts very contrary Log^g Lunar 69-47
middle part wind at N.W. latter strong wind from N.W. came
E.S.E. much rain which comes let the wind blow from where
it will at 12 more moderate Lat^{ty} 38-36 Long 72-00 Ther 60

Saturday 26th

fore part fresh wind from N.W. and N.W. and squally comes
E.S.E. at 6 close reefed fore and main topsails much rain
Log^g for L^h at 4 P.M. 72-40 middle part heavy squalls tack
in fore and main topsails close reefed the main latter more
moderate set fore and main topsails came E.S.E. broke
Thermometer Lat^{ty} 38-34 Long 75-50

Sunday 27th

fore part heavy wind from N.W. came E.S.E. Log^g by
Lunar at 8 P.M. 76-08 by L^h at 4 P.M. 76-46 at
7 hours too with head to North this is a stormy country
We have not had a whole 24 hours fine weather since we
passed the Cape of Good Hope and there is usually in
these Westerly gales a most tremendous sea from N.W.
latter strong gale at 4 A.M. saw Amsterdam Isle bearing N.E.
18 miles steered S.E. at 5 saw St Pauls bearing S.W. 35 miles
Amsterdam is much the highest St Pauls the greatest in
extent it blowing very heavy and not being able to
fetch St Pauls we steered away S.E. and made sail

Ship Mary Mitchell

I think it would always be best to run for Amsterdam.
as it can be seen the farthest; no indications of land
were seen by us not a bird excepting common sea birds
but after passing them we saw much Kelp - there
is a difference of a degree between the Long by the Navigator
and the Potomacs and our Chronometer places the
island midway between them our Sextant agrees
wonderfully well with the Lt. and I place the island
of St Pauls in East Long 77° 25' Lat 38° 47'
So ends our Lat at noon 38° 32' Long 78° 05'
We lost sight of Pauls at 10 AM - also Amsterdam

Monday 28th

fore part fresh wind at St course SE heavy SW
well latter moderate SW wind and fine weather course
SE tried to speak a large English Ship but she would not
and tho we set our Colours he would not answer them
he was so proud perhaps of his freight of white thieves he
was carrying to Port Jackson but I wished to speak him
on account of our third officer who is laboring under
some disease - Lat 38° 56' Long 80° 25'

Thursday 29th

fore part light winds and cloudy at N NW stem SE
under all sail a high swell from St the English
Ship far off our lee beam a good passage to him
Latter light winds and cloudy dark weather poor
but course SE BE all sail out and bent and
repaired the Fore and aft painted the spare boats. Lat
Lat 39° 27' Long 82° 40'

Wednesday 30th

fore part light butty wind and thick cloudy weather
course SE BE all sail out middle part ditto
Latter moderate wind at N NW stem SE under all
sail cloudy dark weather saw nothing employ on
making spinnaker and other sundry Sails
So ends Lat 39° 25' Long 85° 00'

Crossing the Indian Ocean

Thursday December 31st 1835

fore part light N.W. wind and passing light squall. came
S.E. latter part increasing wind from N.W. came S.E. & all
sail out saw nothing employ an Sunday Jobs
S. Ends Lat^d 39.50 Long 87.45

Friday January 1st 1836

Commences with fresh winds and reg from N.W. came
S.E. & at 4 saw a right whale put us before we see
him. 3 days good weather saw nothing now a gale and
here they lie - at 7 close reefed the top sails latter wind
shifted suddenly to N.W. at 5 a heavy sea broke over the
boarded Quarters broke down the boat and lost her with
full set of Oars and Craft we stood E.S.E. took in the
Starboard boat such a sea I never saw the match or
beaten off we several times narrowly escaped having one
over the stern which most likely would have damaged
us much and the wind came in very heavy squall
from West to N.W. Lat^d 40.07 Long 92.20

Saturday January 2nd

fore part heavy squall from N.W. came E.S.E. under
2 close reef top sails and foresail at 5 rather more moderate
those that go down to the sea in. Ships that do business on
the great water there see the wonderful works of the Lord
of which this swell is one of the greatest I ever saw
latter part rather less wind at 4 a heavy sea broke over the
ship broke in the bulwarks and stove waist boat on the
cambouse lower very badly so the new year has begun well
with us Lat^d 39.54 Long 96.25

Sunday January 3rd

Squally strong N.W. wind came S.E. & under double
reef top sails but little diminution to the sea as well
latter part fresh wind and dark cloudy weather from
N.W. came S.E. & all sail out saw nothing
employ mending our stove boat and other Sunday
Jobs of necessity Lat^d 40.38 Long 99.18

Ship Albany Mitchell

Monday Jan^r 4th 1836

Commences with strong winds and dark cloudy weather from SW course SE at 7 took in sail to close reefed topsails the weather looking bad middle part rainy at 3 wind started to west latter strong winds with heavy squalls at west course SE under close reefs Lat^d 41.40 Long 102.40

Tuesday 5th

Strong gales from west and squally course ESE under close reefs with a bad sea in fact I must give this Ocean the preference for the heavy SW swell and a sharp quick sea from SW it tumbles right on board and if we are before the wind it nearly breaks over the stern let the ship go never so fast the sea runs faster and much more so than I ever witnessed in doubling Cape Horn or in any part of the Pacific middle and last part hard WSW gale and heavy squalls hail rain and rain course ESE under close reefs water flying all over us Lat^d 41.28 Long 106.42

Wednesday 6th

Commences heavy wind heavy squalls heavy swell and heavy sea course ESE wind WSW pulled fore topsail latter rather better set fore and mizen topsail I think we are Antipodes to dear Nantucket Lat^d 41.26 Long 111.00

Thursday 7th

fore part wind started to SW set reefed mainsail hauled up SEB squalls wind rain and hail at 7 furled mainsail middle part more moderate set mainsail latter strong wind at West course SEB under double reef topsails dark weather saw nothing Lat^d 42.42 Long 114.10

Friday 8th

Commences with fresh SW wind and overcast weather with squalls of rain a heavy swell from SW at 7 took in sail middle part rained all night latter moderate wind from West course ESE made more sail a high swell from SW at 10 clear weather Lat^d 43.18 Long 116.33.

Crossing the Indian Ocean

Saturday January 9th 1836

fore part moderate NW wind and cloudy with high swell from West Course East middle and latter thick rainy weather wind from ENE till 10 then wind from NW stood E by S to NW Lat^d acct 43° 07' Long 118° 26'

Sunday 10th

fore part rainy dirty weather at 2 saw a gam of right whale at 3 cleared off got our boats out lowered down and struck a Runner at 6 the iron drew and he went off for want of killing his imputation is meant to any one excepting experience is wasted Laid by during the night at daylight made sail soon saw whale at 7 lowered down and struck a whale parted the line struck another and ^{by lunar} he run the whole line and went off with 2 iron ^{and long} came on board very squally fitted our boats again plenty of whales Lat^d 43° 04' Long 118° 56'

Monday 11th

fore part strong winds chased whale came on heavy squalls hail rain and wind came on board at 3 more moderate made sail at 5 saw more whales lowered down struck one at 7 got him dead 3 miles to windward the ship it being wild looking weather and could not tow him we were obliged to leave him and came on board we took home tacks during the night at day saw him to windward at 9 took him along side strong NW wind and very high swell took the whale to leeward could not save head throat or lips and hardly the body so ends Lat^d 43° 05' Long 119° 16'

Tuesday 12th

light air from NW heavy swell at 3 got done cutting made a fire saw vast numbers of whale these 2 days past and they are at home easy to strike but tail in and for killing latter strong NW wind and cloudy dark weather stood to NE employ boiling saw many flukes and one right whale Lat^d 43° 10' Long 119° 07'

Ship Mary Mitchell

Wednesday January 13th 1836

Strong NW wind and cloudy weather ship to SW at 4 saw
many whales struck one drew the iron finished
boiling about 60 bbls. Latter part fine rain till 7 then
clear off made sail at 8 saw whales struck one parted
the line a deer me lost 2 iron. Lat 43° 10' Long 119° 37'

Lunar
120° 00'

Thursday 14th

fore part strong wind from NW and squally chased 2
whales come on board put an oil between decks have
too took in all our boats with a hard NW gale and
heavy swell from SW if good weather was prevalent
here it would be a fine place for whaling as they are
very plenty and very tame - middle part heavy squalls
Latter rather more moderate with heavy swell and sea from
SW lay by to the South Lat 43° 24' Long 120° 32'

Friday 15th

fore part more moderate with very heavy sea from SW
were ship to NW saw several whales in hopes good
weather tomorrow and by divine Providence to get a large
one middle part heavy squalls took in foresail Latter more
moderate wave to SE set the foresail a heavy swell and
sea from SW Lat 43° 24' Long 121° 00' by Lunar 121° 20'

Saturday 16th

commenced with decreasing wind from WSW stood to
SE heavy sea and swell thick weather. saw nothing
Latter thick overcast weather moderate NW wind and an
immoderate SW swell at 9 saw one whale got out our
boats but the whale was gone Lat 43° 33' Long 121° 50'

Sunday 17th

commenced with strong NW wind saw a whale lost sight of
him again - came on to rain at 4 in. topsail and in
all boats a tremendous swell from WSW as high as the
Andes at 7 have too dare not run have scurvy too on
board but want whale Latter rug wind from WSW at 7 saw
whales out boats again lowered struck one at 12 got her
along side very heavy squalls Lat 43° 26' Long 122° 50'

Crossing the Indian Ocean

Monday January 18th 1835

Squally and Ruz hooked an lost head throat and lip an
by dint of hard work saved the body got it all in by 7
steer off EBS I was this day sware at by my steers
and I shall get clear of him as far as possible
Latter part strong N.W. wind steer ESE empty bailing
saw a finback 10 Ob Lat 43° 20 Long 125° 36

Tuesday 19th

Commences with strong winds and squally course
ESE at 7 hard rain put out the fires middle part
more moderate lit up the fires Latter heavy west wind
and hard squalls put out the fires steer ESE with
horrid sea from N.W. Lat 43° 24 Long 127° 20

Wednesday 20th

Commences with heavy gale from NBS and very
severe squalls wind and hail at 4 have too put on
oil between decks to caim the hatchway took the blubber
on deck put into casks took in all boats with a most
furious sea washing all over us middle part severe
squalls Latter heavy gale with severe squalls hail rain
and wind from N.W. Lay too to the south with a heavy
sea ship labor hard Lat 43° 44 Long 128° 24

Thursday 21st

hard distressing gale with very severe squalls hail and
wind lay headed to the south a most tremendous sea but
thanks to Providence we have sustained no damage yet
middle part severe squalls Latter strong gales with
heavy squalls and a very high sea from N.W. and S.W.
Lay too to the south Lat 43° 49 Long 129° 16

Friday 22nd

fore part thick cloudy weather rather more moderate
Kept the foresail and steer ESE wind S.W. B.W.
banded for better weather I hope middle part heavy wind
Latter rather more moderate from West with squalls fine
rain luffed too and at 12 finished bailing our blubber have had
20 blbs on deck all this last gale did not blast the norrsail
saw one right whale Lat 44° 32 Long 131° 40

Ship Mary Mitchell

Saturday January 23-1836

Commences with fresh gales and squalls of rain from West course East at 6 clear weather latter part strong WSW gale began to break up an ail between decks came on Squally was glad to get it down again kept off E 128 for we cannot whale and have over 100 bbls between decks and want it down below Lat 44.22 Long 134.28 Lunar 134.30

Sunday 24"

Commences with heavy wind and squally with heavy sea steered ESE under close reef topsails saw 2 Whales but the weather is so bad we can do nothing with them and hauled off for better saw many pieces of kelp there last 4 days latter strong wind from South and SSW steered by ESE set main sail and Sib saw one fin back to land one sick men about so - Lat 44.48 Long 137.19 Lunar 137.10 =

Monday 25"

J Commences with strong winds cold cloudy and very
J rug from South course by ESE saw a Sumpter how Irish
the Westerly wind had held long enough to carried us by
J Van Diemens land as it is it has come round just at the time
J to make me feel irksome for if it blows a gale from South
we shall go to the North fast as we are only 40 miles South
of the South Cape but trust in providence is my motto
for I am generally a day too late or early and Providence
for his ends just lets me go clear enough to keep me
thankful and dependent on the Lord may he assist us - Amen
latter moderate South wind and cloudy course ESE saw 2 Whales
supposed right Whales Lat 45.12 Long 139.11

Tuesday 26"

Commences with moderate SSW wind course ESE till 6
then ESE the weather cloudy and overcast saw porpoise
latter calm and flattening thick foggy weather broke up
starboard main hatchway and began to stow down
some small from SSW Lawson Quarrelled with
Fisher must remember this

Lat 45.12 Long 140.30

Crossing the Indian Ocean - to Van Diemen's Land

Wednesday January 27th 1836

Commenced with calm and flattish finished stowing down 121 bbls at 5 took light wind from North Star East latter fresh wind and cloudy from North course by East under single reef Lat^d 45.13 Long 141.58 No variation on the chart

Thursday 28th

Commenced with strong North wind and cloudy weather came by E by N at 2 double reefed the topails caught a porpoise saw some red britt arm in hope to have a betterly wind soon as I feel anxious to be getting along towards St. Laaland latter part wind ditto with cloudy weather saw a fin back water a light green course by E by N under single reef Lat^d 45.04 Long 144.14

Friday 29th

Commenced wind at North came by E by N cloudy weather caught a porpoise at 6 furlied mainsail hauld long for a betterly wind Van Diemen's Land bears E by E middle part squally wind shifted to NW latter strong NW wind with heavy sea from NE steered E by E water green all sail out saw nothing Lat^d 44.44 Long 146.40 Variation a little easterly

Saturday 30th

Commenced strong winds from West heavy sea from NE came E by N close reef topails furlied mainsail at 4 Long by Chr 147.27 at 8 by Planet Venus 147.42 by Star Aldetara 148.25 latter light winds from WSW with a high swell from NE making the ship dance about like a drunken fiddler Lat^d 44.02 Long 148.17

Sunday 31st and last

Commenced light air and calm came NE by E heavy NE swell water blue at sunset entirely calm middle part calm till 1 o'clock then a breeze from E by E stood to North latter moderate wind from E by E came by N by W till 10 then tacked ship to SE at 11 squally with rain furlied mainsail topails and close reef fore and misen topails the Lord in mercy grant this wind may not be very lasting and grant us a more favorable one Lat^d by Oct 43.45 Long 149.30

Ship Mary Obitchell From Van Diemen

Monday February 1st 1836

Commenced with strong wind with squalls of rain from
E & E came by SE We have 1 man sick and lame with broken
leg and arm one with Rupture one fancying himself in
Consumption but I fancy Hypo and one always if
not sick nearly as useless and I wish to go on an
Canoe to get near relief Latter part hard gales with
heavy rain from North and high sea came by
E & E under close reef to Ob - Lat by Act 44-00 Long 156-30

Tuesday 2nd

Commenced with heavy gales and heavy squalls from
North at 4 took in topsails and foresail and hove too with
incessant rain at 6 rather more moderate but heavy
rain at 8 wind started to NW immediately made
sail and star NE Latter moderate NW wind some squalls
Came NE B & all sail with very heavy swell from North
Saw birds Lat 43-59 Long 151-54

Wednesday 3rd

fresh wind from West came NE B & cloudy set studsail
at 7 furlled mainsail latter light SW wind and fine weather
Came NE all sail out Lat 42-07 Long 154-00

Thursday 4th

fore part light air from SW warm and pleasant inclining
to calm came NE middle part wind NW Latter fresh
wind at NW and fine weather came by NE B & all sail
out saw nothing Lat 41-10 Long 155-41

Friday 5th

fore part fresh NW wind and squally came by
NE under double reefs at 7 furlled the mainsail
middle part moderate Latter squally and rainy from NW
and wind came by NE under double reefs at 10 had rain
wind started suddenly to West star NE some thunder at
11 fair weather made all sail so and 4 men on the sick
list and no better Lat 40-23 Long 157-36

Land towards New Zealand in 1836

Saturday February 5th

fore part moderate wind and fine weather from SW corner
at NE all sail out saw nothing latter part moderate
wind at NNE and fine pleasant weather corner by NE
under all sail Lat^d 39-06 Long^d 158-45

Sunday 7th

fore part light NW wind and fine weather came by 10⁰ o'clock
all sail out at 3 saw many Breaches of the weather line

55.52 1.2 275 2.25
 2.408 1.00
 23.26 3.26
 42 1.12
 2.25 2.12
 1.00
 1.00
 1.00

Lunch
163.50

Maury Is. 2.45 S - Long 171.55 W

2.45 172.30

James R. 2000 - 1/20 45

Arthur. Feb. 3. 40 - 176-15

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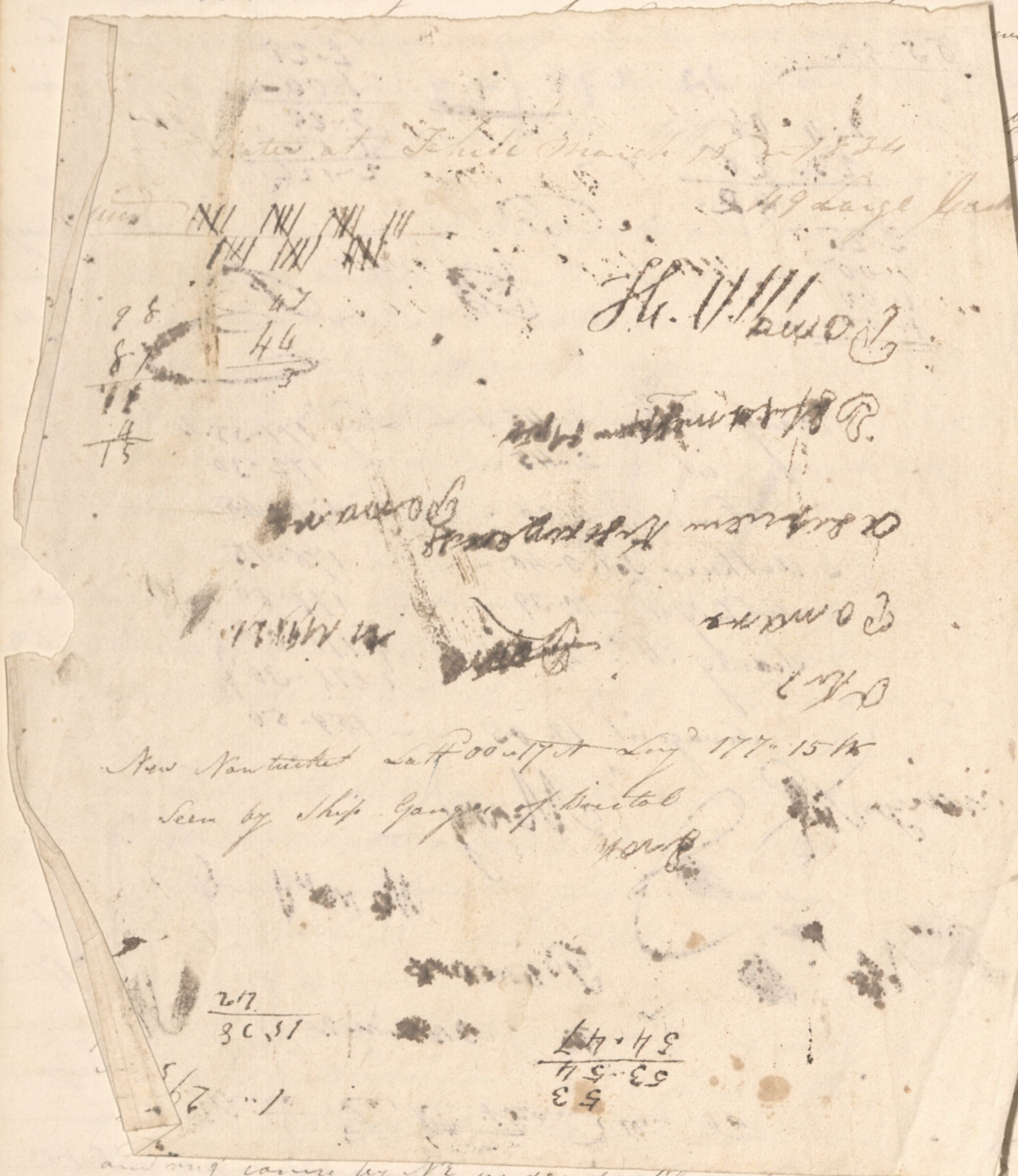
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Water Buck 13 and 1000

Came by N E B & till 10 AM then tacked ship to the South the Barque fur to leeward No Absⁿ and nothing seen. Lat^d 34 10 Long 165 30.

Ship Mary Whitcomb From Van Diemen
Monday February 1st 1836

Commenced with strong wind with squalls of rain from
ENE came by SE we have 1 man sick and lame with broken
leg and am one with Rupture one fancying himself in
Consumption but I fancy Gypso and one always if
not sick nearly as useless and wish to go on our



and my course by NE under double reef at 10 had rain
wind started suddenly to West steered NVE some squalls at
11 fair weather made all sail so had 4 men on the sick
list and no better Lat 40-23 Long 157-36

Land towards New Zealand in 1836

Saturday February 5th

fore part moderate wind and fine weather from SW came
NNE all sail out saw nothing Latter part moderate
wind at NNE and fine pleasant weather came by NE
under all sail Lat^d 39° 06 Long^d 158° 45

Sunday 6th

fore part light NW wind and fine weather came by NNE
all sail out at 3 saw many breaches off the weather board
supposed Jampers Latter part SW wind and cloudy passing
squalls came NE all sail sent up Top of yard and set the
sails saw Jampers Lat^d 37° 37 Long^d 160° 51

Monday 8th

fresh winds and cloudy came NE all sail sent out
at the head and wait boats Latter strong SW wind and
rugg came NE all sail out at 7 saw a sail in the
NE at 10 spoke Barque Wolf Evans 38 days from Sydney
Latter 163° 50 - 30 lbs. so ends Lat^d 35° 53 Long^d 163° 50

Tuesday 9th

fore part strong SW wind and rugg came NE all sail at 7 took
in to close reef to sails and steered ENE Latter part fresh
winds and cloudy from SSE came by ENE all sail out
Bark to leeward Lat^d 34° 59 Long^d 165° 12

Wednesday 10th

cloudy wind at SE came by ENE all sail at 6 shortened sail
Lawson wished the ship on the rocks this he repeated to
the second mate now as he is rather underwitted and
the most useless piece of furniture I ever saw on board
the ship I am determined to unship him after due
consideration on the subject for I do not mean to
do any thing in a hurry to be sorry for hereafter
but form my opinion after calmly discussing the
case, middle and latter part strong winds from ESE
came by NE till 10 AM then tacked ship to the
South the Barque far to leeward No Absⁿ and nothing
seen Lat^d 34 10 Long^d 166° 30

Ship Mary Mitchell

Thursday February 11th 1836

fine part fresh wind at ESE course by South all sail till night then shortened sail latter part strong ESE wind tacked to NE unbent main topsail repaired and bent it again Lat 34.52 Long 166.04 - Sun 167.00

Friday 12th

fine part strong ESE wind not varying a half point course by SE all sail till 7 then shortened sail saw a ship and brig off the Weather Beam standing to NE latter part strong ESE winds saw a ship and brig at 8 spoke James Munroe - Flasket - Hudson 15⁰⁰ 500 bbls stood to South 34.22 - Long 166.20

Saturday 13th

Strong ESE wind and rug spoke Back Wolf Liding stood by South latter strong wind from East stood by SSE under double reef topsails the other ship far astern saw nothing Lat 35.46 Long 166.29

Sunday 14th

Commences strong ESE wind and rug course by SSE under double reefs latter more moderate from East set top 4th sails stand by SSE at 7 saw sperm whale 4 miles off our Weather beam at 9 tacked could not see them they were going fast to Windward Lat 36.36 Long 166.55

Monday 15th

Strong East wind with passing squalls at 7 tacked to SSE took in top 4th sails latter part moderate ESE winds and pleasant tacked ship to NE 13 N saw 3 Waterspouts but nothing else Lat 36.32 Long 167.30

Tuesday 16th

fine weather and moderate ESE wind all sail out to the NE passed thro many current rips employ on Rig 4 men sick one with Scurvy middle and latter part fine wind at SE and very pleasant weather course NE 13 E all sail out saw porpoises and many current rips but no whales employ jelling rig and tanning down So ends Lat 35.35 Long 168.40

New Zealand

1836

Wednesday 17th February

commenced with moderate winds and fine weather from SSE came ENE all sail till 7 then furl'd light sails & mainsail Long^d at 4 PM 168° 52 middle part tack'd to Windward Latter moderate ESE wind came by NE at 12 saw a Ship to Windward Lat^d 34° 45 Long^d 170° 15

Thursday 18th

moderate ESE wind came NE and fine weather at 5 saw a sperm whale off the lee beam run for him never saw him again at Night tack'd to SSE Latter part light wind from ENE came by SE saw grampuses we experience of how much our voyages of discovery are as none we have on board tells any about the winds here and yet I am informed from Januay to may Easterly winds are as common as in the tropics seldom veering more than from ENE to SE Lat^d 34° 57 Long^d 171° 00

Friday 19th

light air from ESE stood to NE pass'd a Baigue standing South we are uncertain about the Long^d of the North Cape two late charts of Noice do not agree within a degree of each other one only can be right Latter part fresh wind from ENE stood by NNE and NNE at 10 saw the three Kings bearing NNE 40 miles So Ends Lat^d 34° 36 Long^d 171° 36 by the

Saturday 20th

four part light East winds stood by NNE at 3 tack'd of it which time the Kings bore NNE 20 miles at 4 our Long^d by the was 171° 46 the islands are laid down in our charts in 172° 20 as our diff Long^d at 4 PM would be 15 mtrs from them it follows their Long^d would be by our Ch^d 171° 01 differing about 20 miles that is the Ship is 20 miles East of the time indicated by the Ch^d the time elapsed since we left home is 227 days which gives about 1 tenth of a second per day gain or increase in her rate since we left home at 5 shortened sail Latter strong winds and reg^d at 8 finding we could not weather the Kings kept of NNE and ran round them saw a small dead whale laved boat and went to her found her too far gone to be of any use at 12 hauled up NNE the land bearing East 7 miles Lat^d 34° 09

Ship Mary O'Witchell

Sunday February 21st

moderate ESE wind and fine weather course by NEBR
a very rough tumbling sea indicating a strong current
probably an eastern one at 4 the stream between
of the Kings bore SBE 20 miles at which time our
log gave Long 171.54 - they are laid down on the
chart in about 172.25 as there is about $3\frac{1}{4}$ points ^{ten}
it follows our log is near right, if any thing it gives
the ship 20 miles more westing than she ought
middle part strong SE wind tacked to SSW latter part
wind very strong stood in SSW till 10 then tacked to ENE
at which time the eastern thing bore SWS dist 10 miles
Cape Maria Van Diemen bore SSE dist 30 miles
a strong current with ripples Lat 33.56 Long 172.20¹¹
Monday 22.

fore part strong SE wind with tumbling bonfire sea
course by ESE at 3 saw a large whale towed the boat
but he perceived us at 5 came on board latter calm with
long heavy swell from ESE Lat 33.41 Long 172.40
Tuesday 23

light air from SW to WSW at 4 saw the North Cape bearing
SSW we are hard lucky wretches for we have beat all the
way round the North Cape and at last just in the nick of time
in. proper the wind to meet with an eastern current of
about 3 miles per hour I can't help feeling dead about it
altho perhaps Providence has ordered it for wise purpose
latter part light air from WSW at daylight we were close in
under the North Cape tacked off saw a Brig in the SE so did
Lat 34.12 Long 173.00

Wednesday 24th

Commenced fresh WSW wind stood in till North Cape bore
WBS dist 8 miles at which time our log gave Long 173.01.30
the Long of the Cape is in the Books 173.04 at 5 tacked off to
North at 7 shortened sail a high swell from ESE and dark
looking weather latter part rain and squalls from NW till 9
then cleared off tacked off shore North Cape bearing SW 20 miles
at 11 saw Whales breaching in ESE kept off for them so did
Lat 34.18 Long 173.20

Coast of New Zealand. 1836

Thursday February 25th 1836

fore part fine weather at 2 land boats struck one whale at 4 got
her along side cut off the head and stopper for the night the
North cape bearing N.W. 30 miles. Wind at N.W. light rain
Latter part S.W. wind cut in one whale and made sail spoke
King off Sydney 15th 1000 bbls stood in Lat 34° 31' land 10 leagues

Friday 26th

fore part fresh wind N.W. tacked off shore spoke Ship, Mills
of St. Bedford 800 bbls W. at 4 P.M. Pooche bore S.E. 13 40 miles
Latter moderate wind from N.W. and fine weather stood off
employ bailing saw 2 sail Lat 34° 24' land 10 leagues

Saturday 27th

Commenced with moderate N.W. wind and fine weather
stood in till 4 then off at 7 finished bailing about 50 bbls
for which I feel truly thankful to Providence which has
brought it on us. Latter part moderate N.W. wind and thick hazy
weather stood in at 10 lighted up saw the land found we had
been set to leeward by the strong current during the night
we ran close in to the land and then stood down along shore
to see if we could see any marks of the bay of inland for we
are all strangers here. So ended Lat 34° 53' land 5 miles off

Sunday 28th

fresh wind and hazy at 2 hauled off being near abreast the
cavallos and not thinking we had daylight enough to get
in before night bent our cable. Latter part fresh wind and cloudy
at 7 spoke Ship Asia. Bay of Haue De Graft run down along
shore at 12 passed the fine pine wind very light so ended

Monday 29th

fore part light air and warm stood in at 3 came too in 5 fathoms
in Karadaka Harbor found here English ship Walmer 1000 bbls
Latter part light air from N.W. got under way run further up
and came too in 5 fathoms and employ^d stowing down oil

Tuesday March 1st

fore part fine weather finished stowing down 50 bbls arrived
Barque Folkestone London 2100 bbls. Latter strong wind at
N.W. got off a raft of water and a load of Potatoes so ended

Wednesday March 2 1836

Strong wind got off all our water - latter part fine weather got off
a boat load wood and cleaned ship so ends

Thursday 3

fine part fine weather employ on tarring Latter ditto got
off a load of wood employ painting ship and blacking benches

Friday 4

commenced with moderate weather arrived ship Christopher
Mitchell. Wilkes 1700. Buque Isabella. Taker 150 at 4 boat
return from shore 3 men missing named Murphy
Burns and Hubbard Latter fine weather Burns returned
at 9 Hubbard returned with shoulder out of joint
had a French doctor and set it all hands employ painting

Saturday 5

fine weather employ and finished painting and tarring
Latter fine weather employ on scumming

Sunday 6

fresh wind at N. W. arrived ship Young Phoenix
2400 Latter fresh N. W. wind keeping Sunday

Monday 7

fine weather at 5 boat returned with all hands latter part
fresh S. E. wind took off 2 loads Potatoes so ends

Tuesday 8

fresh wind at E. S. E. no news of Murphy yet
Latter fresh N. E. gales and squally menaced the ship

Wednesday 9

fresh N. E. winds squally deserted James Burns sailor
Latter sighted the anchor no news of our runaway

Thursday 10

shipped 3 Kanakas and one english lad named Soraig
Latter strong wind at E. N. E. and squally shipped a 3 masts

Friday 11

strong wind discharged our third officer Mr. McKesson
Latter strong gales from E. S. E. and heavy squalls at 11
began to drive let go the slack anchor brought up in
5 fathoms steamed out the St. George the whole length the
hawser to the S. E. bad weather

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Saturday March 12th 1835

heavy gale and squally from ESE at 4 down top of yards
at 6 rather more moderate Latter part hard ESE gale

Sunday 13th

Commenced with heavy gales lying at anchor a ship
length from the bank no room to pay a t cable at 3
sent down fore and main top gals mast at 4 observed
the Seringapatam adrift she brought up foul of
the young Phoenix heavy squalls and gusts Latter part
thick cloudy weather the wind ESE more moderate

Monday 14th

Commenced moderate ESE wind took up our
Anchor and warped off Latter part more moderate and
a lad during the night sworn away by name of Oliver
Gitchell so we can't go to sea to day

Tuesday 15th

light air at ESE went up to the pa. to get another
man Latter light air at NNE arrived Japan 18th 900

Wednesday 16th

fore part moderate NNE wind at 4 James Burns was
Brought on board by a Canaka in a canoe he had been about
8 days had ship another man in his room I tied him
up and gave him 2 dozen put him in the canoe again.
Shipper 2 hands names John Gapon and J Harris
Latter moderate air at South at 6 up anchor and steered out
at 9 light Easterly winds we beating out

Thursday 17th

fore part light easterly winds beating out but small Progress
two English Barques passed us going in at Kins pine bar
NW middle part wind very unsteady with small rain
Worked and tacked Latter wind at NNE steered to NW passed
2 barques bound in at 12 Cavallo bar South-laps ^{12 mile} NW ³⁰ ESE Lat 34.47

Friday 18th

Small wind and thick and hazy at NNE stood to East at 6 stood
to NW Point Pacoche bearing SBE 40 miles cape breet SE 1/2 E
Latter fresh wind and thick weather from NNE stood to East
all sail out no land in sight - - - Lat 34.48

Ship Mary Mitchell

Saturday March 19th 1836

Commence with fresh NNE wind and thick drizzly weather
stood to NW at 6 double reef to sails furled mainsail
Latter part more moderate steered SSE all sail out wind
NNE saw nothing Lat^d 33° 57' Long^d 173° 24' Then 75

Sunday 20th

fore part fine weather and moderate NNE wind course SE
till 6 then shortened sail saw fat lean latter moderate SE
wind course by NNW till 9 then steered off SSW the land
in sight from SW to SSE at 12 spoke ship Jasper of
Hair Haven Raymond master 500 bbls Lat^d 34° 30'
Long^d 173° 49'

Monday 21st

fore part moderate SE wind stood by NNW saw
nothing at 6 tacked to the ESE latter fresh wind with
occasional squalls till 10 then cleared up stood by SE
saw an american ship cutting to leeward and am
in hopes to cut soon ourselves Lat^d 34° 13' Long^d 174° 00' Then 72

Tuesday 22nd

fine wind and weather at ENE and NE came SE at
4 saw Cape Brett bearing S by W 25 miles at 6 shortened
sail and stood to NNW latter light wind from North stood
to NNW the land just in sight Lat^d 34° 20' Long^d 173° 37' Then 73.00

Wednesday 23rd

fore part fine weather saw blackfish stood to NNW
wind from North saw a ship in the NE at 6 tacked
to East set up 9 old Shooks knocked down 10 new one
latter strong wind and cloudy weather from NNE stood
to the East passed a carcass and a ship boiling saw
blackfish Lat^d 34° 30' Long^d 174° 30' Then 72

Thursday 24th

Strong wind at NNE tacked to NW spoke Balance of
Bristol Davis master 28^m 1080 bbls at 6 shortened sail
the weather looking wild middle part wind veered suddenly
to the West and died away latter moderate SW wind
came to SE 2 sail in sight saw blackfish and Cape
Brett bearing N by S dist 30 miles So ends Lat^d 34° 46'
Long^d 174° 17' Then

New Zealand in 1836

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Friday March 25th 1836

fore part calm and baffling at 2 saw a large whale off the weather beam going very fast to S E being so far off did not lower and did not see him afterwards at 4 Lunar obs 174.13 by Chr 174.17 we were about 25 miles diff long from Cape Brett which is laid down in Long 174.17 therefore our Chr is 25 miles too far West so also is our Sextant Latter light winds from SW steered off NNE

Saw 2 sail Lat 34.38 Cape Brett SW 30 miles

Saturday 26th

fore part light air and calm spoke ship Isabella of Fairhaven 800 bbls 17^m at 10 small wind at South Latter light South wind stood off ESE and East Lat 34.36 Long 174.25 Therm 72 Bar fine weather

Sunday 27th

fine weather and light air 2 sail in sight stood off to the ENE all sail out saw Black fish Latter moderate N. 1/2 N. wind fine weather steered East saw 3 sail but no whales Lat 34.24 Long 175.20 Bar fine weather

Monday 28th

moderate North wind came East at 6 spoke Christ^m Mitchell informed us one of our deersters named Gitchell was found dead on shore in the bay of islands after our departure Latter part fresh wind from NW with some squalls of rain came ESE perceiving J H Hoog to be infected with Clap I have began to give him medicines to cure him he has had it on him this fortnight the 2 men to all the voyage - Lat 34.46 Long 177.00 Therm 70 Bar fine

Tuesday 29th

fore part fine weather with wind from NW came ESE all sail out with a very heavy swell from East Latter strong wind from West and very strong South took in main top of sail saw nothing remarkable Lat 35.57 Long 178.47 Therm 73.00

Barometre 29.30

Ship Albany Mitchell

Wednesday March 30th 1836

Commenced with strong gales and squalls from West
latter by S.W. at 6 close reefed the topsails latter part
many squalls of rain and baffling wind all round
Lat 36-50 Long 178-50 Ther 69 Bar 29-40
Thursday 31st

fore part light Baffling wind with rain at 4 wind
from East steered by N.E. Middle and latter strong
S.E. gales with heavy sea and Bad Weather steered by
East under close reef Lat 36-33 Long 179-50 Ther 70
Bar 29-50 Friday April 1st

fore part heavy wind and sea from S.E. stood in
S.W. under close reef at 6 wore to East more moderate
latter part light air from S.W. and calm employed on
sundries Lat 36-25 Long 179-52 Ther 89-30 Bar 29-50
Saturday 2nd

fore part light wind at West came by S.W. bent new fore
top sail and jib at 6 wind from S.W. came by S.E.
latter strong gales from S.E. at 9 heavy squalls wind
and rain furled mainsail jib and fore top sail close
reef main and mizen. topsails set staysails and wore
Ship to the East Lat 36-45 Long 179-41 Ther 86 Bar 29-80
Sunday 3rd

fore part heavy wind with big sea from S.E. stood to East
at 6 wore to S.W. more moderate middle part calm
latter calm till 10 A.M. then light North wind we
steered S.W. all sail out I am thankful for this wind
Lat 36-48 Long 179-42 Ther 84 Bar 29-90

Monday 4th
fore part fresh N.W. wind steered South all sail
out middle part blowing hard took in bars and waist boat close reef topsail
latter heavy N.W. gale and extreme hard gusts of wind with a dreadful
sea we steered South took in larboard boat just in time to save her turn
up the starboard boat furled the foresail at 12 o'clock Lat 39-32 by the
Long 179-12 E Ther 70-00 the Barometer about 29-20
indicating a heavy westerly gale according to the observation made
in this part of the world by navigators

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Thursday April 5th 1836

Commenced heavy N.W. gale came South at 4 more moderate at 5 wind started to N.W. set main to sail at 9 heavy squalls how too at 12 mid more moderate set topsails and foresails Latter part wore ship to West at 10 severe squalls rain and wind from S.W. took in foresail and topsails and how too S. Ends Latth 40.05 Long 179.13 Ther 50 Bar 29.55 and rising

Wednesday 6th

fore part heavy gale and severe squalls from S.W. wore ship to S.E. a very bad sea running how thankful I shall be to get safe into port ready for whaling for this is severe weather and it would be highly dangerous to be caught on a lee shore with such heavy winds my prayer to Providence is to let us have what is only best for us and I hope to rely that the best will be ordered altho to us it may not seem so but I trust in God for all things may his will be done Latter continues heavy gale with an overgrown sea stood to the West under reefed foresail with heavy squalls Latth 39.50 Long 179.31 Ther 52 Bar 29.55 Rising

Thursday 7th

fore part heavy N.W. wind many squalls and high sea stood West under reef foresail and main topsail at 6 wore to S.E. Latter continues strong S.W. wind with squalls set reef main sail stood in West Latth 39.32 Long 179.10 Ther 50 Bar 30.05

Friday 8th

heavy wind with squalls and a mountainous sea from S.W. at 4 tacked off S.E. in 2 days we have beat 30 miles to the North I don't know whether we ever shall get in but the Lords will be done Latter small winds at S.E. stood to South made sail Latth 39.40 Long 179.15 Ther 61 Bar 30.20 Easterly wind

Saturday 9th

moderate East wind and cloudy weather came by S.E. Bore on main foresail our Barometer has risen 8 lines since yesterday I suspect this denotes a heavy easterly wind or Northerly Latter strong North wind stood S.W. all sail out wear a going to have another Tider Reel I hope to record my thanks to the Lord on our arrival into our destined Port in safety clear of these stormy seas and falling Latth 41.05 Long 178.50 Ther 52 Bar at night 30.20 at Noon 30.05

Ship Mary Mitchell

Sunday April 10th 1836

fore part heavy wind from North with rising sea and cloudy weather at 6 close reefed the topsails and furled the foresail heavy gale thro the night and latter part continues very heavy with hard squalls from North steered SW 13 S under close reef fore & maintopails at 12 hove too Lat^d 43° 33 Long 175° 30 Ther 64 Bar 29.80

Monday 11th

fore part heavy squalls with a heavy sea till 6 then rather more moderate lighted up to the Westward saw the sun set how grateful and thankful we ought to be after one of these storms to have a return of good weather and if I see her safe at anchor in the Bay I will ever esteem it an act of special Providence of God as this weather is dreadful and being stranger to the Coast makes it hazardous to get within a days sail of it till the weather is more moderate and my earnest prayer is that we may have better and with favorable winds we could get in to anchor in 3 days But tis good to trust in Gods Providence Who orders all things for the best at midnight wind died and hauled to the South Latter light wind at SE and damp heavy weather steered NW bound for Cloudy Bay if weather permit Lat^d 43° 23 Long 175° 40 Ther 64 Bar at 11 30.20 and rising

Tuesday 12th

commences with increasing breeze from SE steered NW till 11 then hauled on a wind to NE thick fog and I do not like to run too near a lee shore may the Lord grant us clear weather and a moderate wind for a gale of wind on shore is a bad thing where we are strangers but this will be done middle part much fine rain with wind from East Latter part calm and thick fog or fine rain continued all the forenoon saw much kelp - Books of Voyages are usually but little guide to the navigator as regards making any calculations about wind as in this article they are generally silent unless noting a heavy gale or so for after so severe a Northwesterly a SW wind none comes to our sorrow - Lat^d acct 43° 00 Long acct 175° 28 Ther 64 Bar 30.20 stationary

New Zealand

Wednesday 13th April 1835

calm and fog till 2 then light wind from SW at 5 calm and thick fog again - We have many blessings to be thankful for altho calm or nearly so all night and the latter part

Lat 42° 43' Long 175° 26' Ther 63 Bar 30.15

Thursday 14th

fore part calm and dark cloudy weather all round middle calm latter light air from North and thick fog till 9 then calm

cleared off saw the Land bearing from N.W. to N.N.W. 13. & 50 miles
Lat 42° 35' Long 175° 10' Ther 61 Bar 30.15 4 days no alteration

Friday 15th

calm till 3 then wind to prove come from NE being night enough to the Land stood off E.S.E. at 4 thick fog again at 7 tacked in to N.N.W. at 11 tacked off to E.S.E. at 3 in to N.N.W.

Latter cloudy at 7 saw sperm whales at 8 lowered and took one along side squally with fine rain from NE at 11 saw more whales the weather looking unlikely did not lower

No Ob. Lat 42° 35' Long 175° 25' Ther 64 Bar 30.15

Saturday 16th

fore part fresh wind with squalls from NE cut in one whale and made sail to E.S.E. began to boil it is a fact I never

got a whale more unacceptable in my life as I want to get into port very much as the season is coming on fast and weather perhaps bad Latter part strong N.E. wind

cloudy and rug stood to N.W. under double reef finish boiling Lat 42° 25' Long 175° 30' Ther 64 Bar 30.15

Sunday 17th

heavy NE wind stood in N.W. till 3 then the land bore from N.N.W. to N.N.E. tacked off dark dirty looking weather middle part stood in till 3 then off Latter strong gales squally and a bad sea from North thick weather stood in N.N.W. at 11 made the Land at 12 the Land bore from N.N.E. to N.N.W. 20 miles distant tacked off not being able to distinguish any Land - those people who have always fair winds with good weather to run to their ports ought to be thankful I am thankful as it is altho much against us

Lat 42° 07' Long 175° 00' Ther 64 Bar fell to 29.50 at 12

Ship Mary Mitchell

Monday April 18th 1836

heavy North wind stood off with heavy swell from ENE at 8 close reefed fore and main topsails reefed mainsail and furlled the jib at 4 tacked in shore. Bad weather and a bad time all the way thro but I try to make things as easy as I can middle part light winds. Latter calm with Swell from NE as big as mill hills the Land 12 leagues off. We have had a very strong SE current this last 24 hours.

Lat 42-18 Long 175-30 Ther 55 Bar 29.70

Tuesday 19th

fore part calm middle part calm middle part calm latter calm till 7 then light air from WNW at 9 calm at 10 a fine breeze from WSW at 12 the current by the wind land very far off as the current has set us off 2 miles per hour Lat 42-11 Long 175-58 Ther 63 Bar 29.55

Wednesday 20th

fresh wind at SW we came in. WNW and WNW at 5 calm the land bearing from WNW to NNE and the southern land appears to be Cape Palliser altho our Lat and the bearing will hardly make it so - tis a hard matter to determine it no 2 books agree in the Lat within 14 miles the latest edition says 41-24 the older 41-38 the charts all agree with the Lat 41-36 the land so far off makes it hard to decide the wind light and calm increases our difficulties to decide but if the land bearing WNW is Cape Palliser the charts are erroneous no guide can be had from any other source my mind is much agitated which a steady breeze to night will settle the question I am earnestly in hopes and pray for - our Chronometer is much out of the way also middle part strong South wind and much lightning hailed off 2 hours then in. Latter part calm at 10 the land bearing from WNW to NNE also a large mountain covered with snow bearing WSW 100 miles at 12 our Lat 42-02 and what we determine Cape Palliser WNW to N 43 miles dist it is high and can be seen in clear weather 60 miles as we have seen it that far it slopes down to a point to the SW in this form

New Zealand

Thursday April 21 1836

fore part calm till 5 then light wind from North the sun
set very clear the extremes of Land bore from NW by N to
NW also a high mountain with much snow NW by
a strong eastern current has set this last 3 days there is about
1 1/2 point variation Easterly here - at 3 PM our Long^d per Lunas
176.02 by Lh 175.25 about 35 miles wrong - Morrell says
Cape Palliser down in Lat^d 41.38 - Long^d 175.29 and by our
Lunas think he is nearest right middle part wind started to
SE & stood off SE lightning incessantly in the SE all night
Latter part heavy wind from South at daylight passed Cape Palliser
came by NW & close reef topsails and came sailing the till till
parted the Mastigale stay took him in carried the ship all
under water a heavy sea at 12 Cape Campbell bore NW by N 15 miles
at which time our Lat^d was 48.46 too much trouble to look Bar

Friday 22

heavy SE gale bad sea steered down past Cape Campbell
looking for the harbor at 5 saw it bearing NW steered for
it and at 5 happily came to anchor - Thus after much
toil fatigue and labor we are happily arrived at our port
it now only remains for us to be thankful to God for
his preservation and safe guidance of us thro these dark
times - I shall ever esteem it as a merciful interposition
in my favor that thro divine Providence I have been
enabled to conduct this ship thro this Passage on a
Coast where I was an entire stranger in heavy weather
without any person on board acquainted with it any
more than myself and to the Lord be the Praise Amen
Latter strong SE wind & employ clearing ship then 58 Bar^{30.30}

Saturday 23

fore part strong winds at SE employ moving ship Latter continues
SE wind broken up the holt then 56 Bar 30.25

Sunday 24

fore part fresh wind at SE breaking up our holt for
pipes arrived Jasper and Eric Latter much rain till 7
then cloudy & employ usefully and variously then 56
Bar 30.10 on 30.05 & +

Ship Mary Mitchell

Monday April 25th 1838

Employ Setting up pipe shacks moved the look house
forward Latter fine weather employ sending down yard
and topmasts unbending Shbocks and other duty

Tuesday 26th

fine weather and pleasant one whale seen to day
Latter calm sent out 4 boats whaling 6 hands on board
Setting up pipes stations ashore building a house for
us to carpenter in caught a mess of fish. I this day
witnessed the meeting of 2 Sisters sometime separated
their affection was evinced by the closeness of their
embraces and shedding tears abundantly on the whole
they show a feeling for each other highly praiseworthy

Wednesday 27th

fine part calm at 4 boats returned not having seen any
thing we employ the time till dark making lug sails
for our boats which are needed here. started a cask of
Bread in the cabin weighed out 12 ounces to each man
per day which is more than we have averaged per day
since we left shore. I thought I would try them with
less than a pound having as much meat as they
could eat and Potatoes 3 times per day and if they have
more than they can eat they give it the women

Latter part cloudy overcast weather at 4 boats away after
whale employ as usual on board setting up shacks
other employ occasionally assisting coopers fastening
up running riggs and fitting tables over the stern for
a spare boat. the natives occasionally on board with
fish Turnips and other sauce their grand trade is for
tobacco a head of which with a pipe will buy fish enough
to supply all hands at a meal - there appears to be 3 ships
here and owing to the conduct of others preceding us
I have made each of them a present - a bad rule but
must be followed as their friendship lost - they are a
set of great beggars and very importunate till they get
what they want in fact there is no satisfying them without
you comply still they appear to be honest

Cloudy Day in 1835

Thursday April 28th 1836

Cloudy and overcast weather wind at South at 4 boats returned without seeing any thing excepting a Shiller we are however daily expecting them. There are 6 ships the other side we are alone here as I do not like much company and a gang of men a shore the other side to carry on whaling have run to Sell Whales by keeping here we avoid having the trouble of Latter thick weather much rain lay by nothing to do finding some words about our house ashore I will detail it as it will give an idea of the dispositions of these natives. On our first arrival here I found it was the common practice for each ship to have a house on shore to perform their Coopering in. as I preferred having that duty performed under my own inspection. I did not care for having a house but on second thoughts when I reflected it was also needed for to mend boats under and the time taken for that was generally when the weather was stormy I concluded to have one it was told me by our younger that the cost was trifling and altogether at the option of a master what and how much he paid I therefore employ 2 chiefs living here to construct me one and they employ another who was father to one of them and thus I was in a fair way of having a house but to pay 3 people for it (the Principal Chief is absent one one of his marauding traverses like the Ancient band Pirates and his authority delegated to 3 chiefs 1 on the western shore the other 2 here) this morning I went on shore to see as to the house the Old man began talking about his pay in visiting (Indian like) on what he must have as I never employ him. I was finally obliged to tell him he need not do any thing more about it as I would not have it. This spread and immediately I was waited on by the 2 who begged me not to pay any regard to him this however did not satisfy me I told them as well as I could make myself understood that I would immediately take my ship to the other shore where I could be supplied with what I wanted on more reasonable terms this seemed to excite their fears and they begged me not to and

Cloudy Bay

The ships all employ Tongue-men and as it is a general custom I have added on the same terms as others

began to upbraid the old man calling him names even his own son reviling and in this temper I left them came on board and despatched the boat the other side for a linguist or two. On his arrival we opened the subject but they were ashamed and finally settled that they would build the house. I was to pay the 2 and ~~the~~ the same terms as the Agent of the shore party the other side and when I had done using the house the materials I was to dispose of in any manner I way suited me but Indian cunning was plainly to be seen and as far as regards white men I fear their honesty will prove something equivocal. I must not omit here some mention of what are called tongue-men they are here 2 and 3 white people who have a boat and some natives in a ship arriving the repair on board to solicit the job for the ship. the terms are that they occasionally furnish a crew to help tow whales they furnish a boats crew to help cut the whale in and do any talking for the Captain whose ignorance of the language requires their aid in any matters with the natives. When the whale is cut in they are entitled to the carcass and the tongue which in plentiful whaling is always left at the carcass and they contrive to get from 6 to 8 barrels of oil from each carcass but they are in general blackguards and no dependence can be put in them - Runaways from Ships mostly

Friday 29th

Commenced with calm cloudy weather and much rain till 4 P.M. then cleared up partially with wind at NW we are out of the way and have no visiting from others and do not go ourselves but the others to the River they are rather troubled with it latter part fresh NW wind and clear dry weather all boats away and I cooper as usual setting up shooks myself and Steward seeing wind tackle and other Petty Jobs & So Ends
Bligh sailed for Port Jackson

New Zealand 1836

Saturday April 30th 1836

fine weather at 4 boats returned saw nothing at 4 had a
visit from Roabolba the head chief of this bay (Just returned
from a marauding expedition) accompanied with the
customary demand of bag of tobacco muskets and bark
of Powder which I peremptorily denied this they returned
with a threat I should not whale here to which I replied
I was perfectly willing to go to sea for I would not submit
to any imposition altho I would prevent them with the same
the English ships and Parties did but no more and if
they would not take that they should have nothing they
finally consented to receive a dozen pipes 10 lbs tobacco
and a piece of low priced calico of about 30 yards priced
17s and a tin Pot then dismissed them with a blessing
he afterwards came and demanded supper which I of
course declined furnishing him and bade him good bye
there is no other way to deal with these people only to
be positive with them and let them know you do not
fear them as if any timidity is shown they demand
every thing they see and would the ship hold enough
for them and the bad conduct of masters has encouraged
them to be very importunate I am willing to allow
a lone ship there not well armed might be obliged
to comply with their requisitions but no excuse can
be offered ~~them~~ for any one to do so now as there are
7 ships here all partially armed and yet he shewed
me 3 muskets given him by the Captains of ships the
other side to their shame be it spoken for if they only
reflected they would know tis for the interest of these natives
to keep our good terms with us as they know if ships
are hindered coming here advice to their darling tobacco
muskets and Pipes I have adopted this line of conduct
from my own convictions and the advice of the English
masters now here who know them well I am past strange
NW wind cloudy sent out 3 boats the other kept to do
some necessary duty on board I obtained altitudes by
an artificial horizon determining the Lat 41. 19. 30

Cloudy Bay

Sunday May 14 1836

Commenced strong winds Boats returned saw nothing
beard Hawke Pardoned Frederick Geeser for
stealing Old duck the first offence this voyage Men
latter calm arrived Ship Navy. Kial of Newburyport
sent out 3 boats went over the other side to confer with
the other capt^{ns}. Relative to giving the chiefs such extra
Presents they seemed to view the thing as I did one of them
said by way of extenuation he had no pipes no tobacco
in fact nothing but muskets but if he had not he
could have got them at a trifling expense of us

Monday 2

Commenced weather fine at 3 boats returned saw nothing
this afternoon I saw with disgust the manner these
Natives live or rather exist in an enclosure containing
9 huts most of which had but one side and the two ends
thatched the other side entirely open some facing one way
some another to screen them from the wind in
whatever direction it might blow in one I observed
4 sows 2 with litters of Pigs 2 boars 5 dogs a bitch with
6 large pups sucking a woman asleep on a mat
another scraping raw potatoes to boil another suckling
a young child 2 other women sitting on a mat
deliberately picking the venison from their shoulder
mats and the men nearly all asleep on the damp
ground with nothing under them but their mats
Accordingly as might be expected tho injured to it
from their infancy they all have a bad cold and
accompanied with a cough such a miserable set
of Natives I never before witnessed and to their
disgraces of humanity we must pay tribute in shape
of presents I shame! Latter calm 3 boats out
Arrived and Anchored below Parquet Vermont
Poughkeepsie 600 Cooper's Employ as usual
Went on shore and got 7 Altitudes to
Ascertain the Rate of the Chronometer

Few *or* *all*
New Zealand 1836

Tuesday May 3^d 1836

Commences with fine weather took up small bower and shifted the chain over end latter heavy wind from SE shackled the chains together hove up best bower and ran it off 50 fathoms more to the NW thus spreading our anchors NW and SE 50 fathoms each

Wednesday 4th

heavy wind at SE and Whirlwinds cleared decks setting up Shooks went on shore with a boats crew and cut a load of wood which is quite handy here and as we can do nothing whaling think it best to cut fire wood so that it will be ready when we want it latter moderate SE wind and pleasant boats out went to shore with the remainder to cut wood ends fine weather

Thursday 5th

Moderate wind and fair weather at 4 boats returned having chased 2 whales all over the Bay 2 boats at 5 returned from the shore having cut and piled 3 loads wood latter strong SE wind sent out 3 boats arrived ship James Steward St Johns NB Gardner master 1 boats crew on shore cutting wood loops empty

Friday 6th

for part calm boats returned seen nothing to day the second mate had his boat robbed in his absence of a bottle of rum it being customary to carry it here so that in case of a hard drag to give it to the boats crew but they will carry no more from this ship as I will turn it all into the sea first but the second mate is no officer the fourth mate is worse I can express my opinion of the others hereafter latter calm I went out in the bay myself to look for whales and at noon landed on the point with an intention of killing or maiming the first Blackguard who should dare to set his foot in my boat without my permission but altho I earnestly wished for an opportunity to have murdered one rascal no one was hardy enough to venture to do it perhaps they thought not but at least I did so

Cloudy Day

Saturday May 7th 1835

Commences with fine weather. at 4 boats returned at 6
heavy S.E. gale sent on shore 22 cedar boards. Latter went
out myself with 4 boats saw nothing wind blew up from S.E.
heavy came into the neck landed about 20 boats there and
the most Blackguard language used from 5 english boats there
sparing no person at all in short I hope I shall ever keep
clear of English Ships again as they have no Authority

Sunday 8th

for part heavy wind from S.E. and extreme heavy gusts took
spare boat on shore to mend and paint agreed between Capt.
Gardner and myself and the two Boats. Charlie and White
that for 2 muskets we should have the use of the whole bay
for wood water and landing casks or other things and to keep
all out of the bay we chose middle part heavy gale from S.E.
drag our small bower home Latter heavy wind and gusts
real whirlwinds taking the water up in eddies we kept dragging
our small bower till we brought up to the best bower with
60 fathom of each chain ahead the James Stewart also
fortunately for us drifted at the same time and brought
up only clear of the rocks astern. Our small anchor
altho a fine looking one is not heavy enough to ride
the ship by and as soon as circumstances will allow
I mean to get up the spare anchor which is very large and
put it down in lieu of the one now down

Monday 9th

Commences with heavy gales squalls and much rain
till 4 then rather more moderate run the kedge off 50 fathoms
off the larboard bow the night set in with increasing
wind again and heavy squalls with rain. we are however
in a safe port as far as regards life Latter squally rainy
wind at S.E. dead hawse and took up larboard anchor
streamed in the hawse and warped the ship in and
let go the anchor again after getting up the large spare
Anchor from below and bending the larboard chain
to it took the small anchor on the bow - this
removing is a tedious job an all day job

New Zealand

Tuesday May 10th 1836

Squally S E wind finished re mooring latter fine weather sent out 3 boats looper. Employ finished 40 pipe shock

Wednesday 11th

fine weather at 5 boats returned saw no whale at 5 arrived ship. John Adams Luce 100 bbls latter fresh S W wind boats out Paid Old Blue her the chief 100 heads tobacco for the house

Thursday 12th

fresh S E wind at 4 boats returned the first whale got this season to day by Captⁿ Sinclair Barge Maria Ann of Hobart Town one other seen far off latter part fine weather 3 boats out went to the stave with a sick man to the doctor

Blacked the bends

Friday 13th

fine part fresh wind at 4 boats returned another whale killed to day by the shore party latter fine weather 4 boats out

Saturday 14th

fine weather at 4 boats returned 3 whales seen to day one killed and sunk by Sinclair latter fine weather went out myself with 4 boats in hopes to get some whale but see none

Sunday 15th

fine weather at 5 boats returned nothing seen latter fine weather went out with 5 boats the 2 first whale taken in this day

Monday 16th

fine part strong N W wind at 5 boats returned nothing seen latter strong N W gale sent the boats out one soon returned stove having ran on a Rock took her in and commenced repairing her

Tuesday 17th

commenced strong N W gale at 4 boats returned nothing seen latter squally from N W sent 3 boats to the neck to look out but proving very squally at 11 they returned to ship

Wednesday 18th

heavy N W gales with sixteen severe squalls wind and rain with heavy gusts our anchor however held on at 6 left wind more rain latter more moderate sent out 3 boats after whale and one on shore to cut wood so end

Cloudy Bay

Thursday May 19th 1836

fine weather at 4 boats returned nothing seen. Latter calm boats out employ spare hands in repairing boat.

Friday 20th

fine part calm boats returned nothing seen. Latter part fresh NW wind sent 2 boats for whales to the Sound for more men and kept one to mend boat.

Saturday 21st

fine part fresh NW wind boats returned 2 whales seen and chased. Latter fine weather. 3 boats out one returned from the Sound with 2 men and 5 Squaw, a necessary evil.

Sunday 22nd

fine part fine weather at 4 the boat returned having seen and chased one whale at 8 Arrived the Tuscaloosa Wharf at Bedford 8 o'clock 10 m^o. Latter part fine weather 5 boats out by means of 3 Mowrees.

Monday 23rd

fine part fine weather at 4 boats returned 5 whales 1 killed by the Navy. Hope we shall get one soon. Latter part S.E. wind out with 5 boats at 11 a raging S.E. gale glad to get home. Safe Arrived a Ship and Barque from Sydney the former bound to Banks in.

Tuesday 24th

heavy S.E. gale with severe squalls 40 different ways sent 2 boats crews to cut wood. Latter continues heavy S.E. gale sent 2 boats to the lookout and 2 boats on shore to cut wood.

Wednesday 25th

fine part moderate at 8 calm. Latter part fine weather went out with 5 boats.

Thursday 26th

fine part fine weather at 5 boats returned 2 whales killed none for us. Latter fine weather 5 boats out.

Friday 27th

fine part fresh S.E. wind at 4 boats returned 4 half got to day. Latter part much fine rain. went out with 4 boats the 4 made a lame haul one of our steersmen stopped to save his Oar and did not strike the whale & drew

New Zealand

Saturday May 28th 1835

fore part calm at 5 boats returned 1 calf and one whale
got to day we none but hope hope live on hope Latter
part fine weather went out with 4 boats — Sick

Sunday 29th

fore part fine weather many whales seen today several stored
3 killed we killed one towed him within 5 miles and anchored
him for the night Latter fine weather sent out 4 boats and
went on the hill saw a dead whale pointed the boats by smoke

Monday 30

commenced with fine weather at 5 boats got in with
a dead whale picked up and Suppased our whale was
sunk and not Risen Latter part fine weather sent out 3
boats after our whale out in the other and went out found
our whale 7 miles off but none the other boats in sight

Tuesday 31st

fore part strong NW wind could not tow our whale
in began to hail at 4 our boats returned Latter part fresh
NW gale went down to look at our whale saw her far off

Wednesday June 1

fresh Gale at NW too rough to go out Latter part moderate
went out with 4 boats could not find our whale and thus
we have lost all our Anchors 2 lines and 6 iron

Thursday 2

fine weather at 5 boats returned I got an Anchor from
an English Ship for 40^{rs} tobacco and a steering oar
Latter fine weather went out with 4 boats and the Captain
got a Large whale hauled and anchored him.

Friday 3

fine weather at 5 returned to the ship Latter strong SE
gale went out to the whale could do nothing returned back

Saturday 4th

fore part strong SE gale with much rain Arrived
Ship Franklin of Nantucket Master Martin 22nd
200 bbls Latter thick rainy weather light NW wind
went out with 5 boats took our whale in at 12 MWD

Ship Mary Mitchell

Sunday June 5th 1836

fore part much rain cut on one whale till 5 then
stopped latter part cloudy cut in one whale and
began to boil this is a monstrous whale 10 feet long
went out with 3 boats.

Monday 6th

fore part thick weather same fine rain. Employ boiling
at 5 boats returned no whales seen today latter fine weather
some fine rain sent out 3 boats the other boiling

Tuesday 7th

fore part fine weather at 5 boats returned saw 2 wild
whales. Arrived French Ship Mississippi American
Ship Benjamin Rush and 2 Hobart tender back.
Latter strong NW wind sent out 3 boats finished boiling

Wednesday 8th

fore part heavy NW gale employ looping at 5 boats
returned saw one whale middle part heavy wind rain
with thunder and lightning latter rather more
moderate sent out 3 boats at 12 land rain

Thursday 9th

fore part heavy NW wind much rain at 3 boats returned
nothing seen. Latter fresh NW wind and rain 3 boats out

Friday 10th

fore part hard rain wind at NW at 4 boats returned
latter had rainy weather cleared one boat sent out 3 boats

Saturday 11th

fresh NW wind squally at 5 boats returned no whale
latter much rain went out with 4 boats

Sunday 12th

fore part rainy in squalls at 5 returned nothing seen
latter much rain went out 4 boats at 12 come back

Monday 13th

fore part Wind S E much rain latter very rainy.
Went out with 4 boats nothing seen

Tuesday 14th

fore part hard rain at 4 boats returned nothing seen
latter part more moderate went out with 4 boats

Cloudy Bay

Wednesday June 15th 1836

fore part fine weather. at 5 boats returned no whale
at 6 arrived ship. Elizabeth of London 4 m. no oil gave
certain news was with France and New York being partly
burnt down. Latter fine weather. went out with 4 boats

Thursday 16th

fore part strong gale from NW at 5 boats returned except 2
stopped on the bluff all night. Latter strong NW gale employ
stowing down the main hold

Friday 17th

fore part wind shifted suddenly to the SE boats came in
Latter fine weather. went out with 4 boats

Saturday 18th

fore part fine at 6 returned saw 3 whales and 2 calves. Latter
fine weather consented with the Vermont went with 8 boats
killed a whale and began to tow him in

Sunday 19th

fine weather at 5 got the whale to the ship. Latter part
sent out 3 boats and cut one whale

Monday 20th

fore part cloudy began to hail at 5 boats returned having
got a whale and hauled him outside at 7 broke the cook's head for
getting rum from the store contrary to law. Latter part strong
NW wind went out with 4 boats the other boiling

Tuesday 21st

strong NW wind at 4 got the whale in to the Vermont. Latter
part SE wind and rug went out with 4 boats

Wednesday 22nd

fore part strong SE wind at 6 boats returned saw 2 whales
latter heavy SE gale stowed down in the main. held 2 boats to point

Thursday 23rd

strong gales till 6 then more moderate. Latter strong southerly gale
and rug went out with 4 boats

Friday 24th

fore part continues strong gale struck a large whale got
2 boats stove lost her at 5 got the boat in. Latter severe
gale from SE with heavy gale of wind and rain

Saturday June 25th 1836

fore part heavy S & E gale with extreme heavy gusts
all round latter part more moderate but much rain

Sunday 26th

fore part strong winds from SE thick rainy weather
this day I formally noted the different matters that I
would not agree in case my boats were stove that I
would give up my claim to any whale obliged to cut
from in consequence of being stove latter more moderate
Sent out 4 boats emp. by mending stove boat

Monday 27th

fore part moderate SE wind at 5 boats returned.
Latter fine weather Sent out 4 boats - Well sinasick

Tuesday 28th

fore part fine weather got a small whale took to the
Vermont latter part fine weather got another and did the same

Wednesday 29th

fore part cloudy at 6 boats returned latter moderate with
rain Sent out 4 boats finished mending boats

Thursday 30th

fore part a raging S E gale at 3 boats returned latter
strong gales boats went to the neck and returned

Friday July 1st

fore part fresh wind from S E latter more moderate
Sent out 4 boats 4th mate sick

Saturday 2nd

fore part more moderate got a large whale took to the
Vermont latter fresh westerly wind went out 4 boats

Sunday 3rd

fore part fine weather at 5 boats returned no whale
latter clear and cold Sent out 4 boats - Hall

Monday 4th

commenced with fine weather at 4 boats brought a
small whale cut her in latter strong reg wind sent
out 4 boats some ships firing guns keeping the day

Tuesday July 5th 1836

fore part strong winds at 4 three boats returned the 4th Mr. Shaw not returned and no account of him since 12 this day - Latter moderate with heavy sea sent out 3 boats could not find any thing or learn any thing of the boat or crew are under much apprehension about them

Wednesday 6th

fore part strong SE gale and very rough boats returned no news of our boat sent a boat up the bay with 2 natives across land to see if they could discover any thing returned at night with no intelligence the latest account we can get is derived from the second mate of the Vermont who saw him about 12 M. P. yesterday off Fighting Bay, the second mate of ship Saml Robinson also saw him down near this place can only hope that he is landed somewhere and detained by the bad weather Latter part heavy sea sent out 3 boats took a resident here and went up the head of the bay to cross to the Sound to inquire for our absent boats crew

Thursday 7th

fore part SE wind boats returned we can as yet gather no news of our missing boat I returned from up bay at 4 having been over to the Sound but no conveyance being had to cross it I sent the man accompanied by Asst. Topham of the Vermont to travel over the ridge down to the settlement Latter part more moderate went up bay sent out 3 boats

Friday 8th

commenced with strong winds from SE at 4 returned from the bay with the agreeable intelligence that our missing boat being safe at the Sound after much difficulty in getting in there Latter part more moderate sent out 3 boats

Saturday 9th

commenced with calm and fine weather at 4 boats returned 1 whale seen to day our boat not returned from the Sound yet Latter fine weather sent out 3 boats

Sunday July 10th 1836

fore part moderate NW wind at 4 boats returned and one boat also from the sound. Latter fine weather sent out 3 boats employ boiling struck a whale drew the iron

Monday 11th

fore part commenced SE gale finished boiling at 3 boats returned. Latter fresh gales from SE 3 boats at the neck some fine rain. No whales as yet

Tuesday 12th

commenced with strong SE gale at 5 boats returned. John Wood left ship without leave got drunk & flog him and put him in iron. Latter raring let the prison out of iron on promise of amendment

Wednesday 13th

Rain with SE wind Arrived ^{Roslin Castle} ~~Australian~~ Sydney the man who steals men out of boats and ships and whose name is Richards. Latter part fine weather went out with 4 boats got a whale and a boat stove of the tumour

Thursday 14th

took a small whale along side at 5 fine rain and a Kanaka drunk flog him - Latter sent out 4 boats and cut in our whale 4th mate sick

Friday 15th

fore part fine weather at 5 boats returned with a large whale. Latter fine weather cut in our whale sent out 3 boats 3 men sick

Saturday 16th

fore part fine weather at 5 boats returned no whales commenced boiling. Latter sent out 3 boats

Sunday 17th

commenced with fine weather still boiling at 5 boats returned. Latter fine weather sent out 3 boats still boiling

Monday 18th

fore part fine weather at 5 boats returned finished boiling sent out the latter part 3 boats had to stop one to Cooper's Island and we have 4 sick mostly beset

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Tuesday 19th 1836

fore part fine weather at 5 boats returned no whale
Latter fine weather sent out 4 boats 4th mate sick

Wednesday 20th

fore part cloudy got one whale and took to the Vermont
Latter calm with much rain no boats out.

Thursday 21st

fore continual rain light S E wind Latter heavy S E gale
Employ stowing down Main hold still sick

Friday 22nd

heavy Gale from S E with severe squalls at 4 finished
stowing down we want 25 bbl more in Main hold
Latter part fine weather sent out 4 boats

Saturday 23rd

fore part S E wind at 4 boats returned saw no whale
Latter fresh S W wind struck and got a whale took to the Vermont

Sunday 24th

fore part fine weather at 5 boats returned latter clear calm
and cold sent out 4 boats filled 150 bbl water Larron sick

Monday 25th

fore part heavy S E gale boats in I cannot well leave the
Ship in charge of the 4th mate he can do nothing in the
boat and he has been sick and does $\frac{1}{2}$ the time we have
been here this last 7 days I sent out 2 boatmen in the
Starb boat Latter part fresh S E wind 4 boats went out

Tuesday 26th

fore part fresh S E gale at 4 boats returned Latter fresh
S E wind 4 boats out employ for ship cutting wood

Wednesday 27th

fore part S E wind at 4 boats in Latter sent out 4 boats

Thursday 28th

fore part S E wind at 4 boats in no whale I am sick of this
Latter fine weather 4 boats out sent out J. L. Brown

Friday 29th

fore part fine weather at 5 boats in no whale the ship
got 4 today be none Latter fine weather 4 boats out

Saturday July 30th 1836

fore part fine weather. at 5 boats returned 1 boat stop^d
all night on the bluff a small whale came in
the harbor I went off and help get her latter fine
weather 4 boats out a whale close in to the ship before
day dawned. Spare boat could not catch him.

Sunday 31st

fore part fine weather. at 5 boats in got a small
whale one boat at the bluff come back lost a nation
of white who absconded latter fine weather 4 boats^{out}

Monday Aug 1st

fore part got another whale took them both in and
cut in one latter fine weather sent out 4 boats

Tuesday 2nd

commence fine weather at 4 boats returned got a small
whale to the Vermont one boat on the bluff all night
Arrived the ship Warren, Mayhew all full from
Banks island latter fine weather emp boiling 3 boats out

Wednesday 3rd

fine weather at 4 boats returned no whales got 2 tons
Potatoes latter fine weather 3 boats out still boiling

Thursday 4th

fine weather at 4 boats returned finished boiling
latter 4 boats out employ looping with sick hands

Friday 5th

fore part thick cloudy weather at 5 boats returned no whales
latter fine weather sent out 4 boats stowed off main hold

Saturday 6th

fore part fine weather at 5 boats in no whale latter fine
weather 4 boats out no whale

Sunday 7th

fore part fine weather wind NW at 5 boats in chased a
hump back latter rainy sent out 4 boats

Monday 8th

fore part thick cloudy weather at 5 boats in at 6 had
rain latter part heavy S.E. gale sent 3 boats to the neck
and went over the Bay myself on business

Tuesday August 9th 1836

fore part fresh SE gale heavy squalls boats returned also and found 4th mate had written a letter dated 31st July to John Guard requesting the employ in his service as a boat headman. The said 4th mate having a difference with some of the crew requested his discharge yesterday thus shipping in one employ while belonging to another the poor miserable creature has been nearly useless all this voyage and I should be glad to get clear of him and mean to latter more moderate sent out 3 boats 3 men sick same how as other

Wednesday 10th

fore part fine weather but very rug at 4 SE gale boats in no whales latter part more moderate sent out 4 boats 4th mate went off himself to Cockapoo a good ridance

Thursday 11th

fore part commenced SE gale at 4 boats in latter fresh NW wind 4 boats out M^r Lawson not shown himself yet

Friday 12th

fore part fresh wind from NW at 5 boats returned latter more moderate 4 boats out M^r Lawson returned at 12 SE gale

Saturday 13th

fore part strong SE gale at 2 boats in latter fine weather 4 boats out at 11 one boat returned stove furnished another and sent him out discharged M^r Lawson to Ende

Sunday 14th

fore part fine weather at 4 boats returned having Anchored 2 whales one of which the John Adams pretend a claim to argued to refer it to three men. latter fine weather sent out 4 boats employ on board mending a boat. Referees also met to decide to whom the whale belongs

Monday 15th

fore part fine weather finished mending the boat the referees decided the whale belongs to us at 4 boats returned one whale towed within 3 miles the other sunk and not seen to day latter fine weather sent out 4 boats employ mending the stove boat a bad boy on my right hand

Cloudy Bay

Tuesday August 16th 1836

fore part fine weather at 4 got our whale in. began to but at 7 finished latter fine weather sent out 3 boats ~~the~~ boiling

Wednesday 17th

fore part fine weather at 5 boats in still boiling arrived a brig from Sidney latter fine weather 3 boats out one boiling

Thursday 18th

fore part fine weather at 5 boats in at 7 finished boiling latter fine weather sent out 4 boats finished mending boat

Friday 19th

commenced good weather at 5 boats in with SE wind latter sent out 3 boats kept one to stow down in after hold

Saturday 20th

fore part SE wind boats returned finished stowing down Recd of W^m Mayhew power to demand Friendship boat of Johnny Bolts at the sound latter some rain sent out 3 boats kept one boat to clear house at 12 boats returned

Sunday 21st

fore part fresh SE gale employ stowing off after hold latter great more moderate sent out 4 boats

Monday 22nd

fore part fine weather at 5 boats returned with a scragg and of Louie a stores boat latter fresh NW wind sent out 4 boats employ mending the store boat sailing Vermont & Warren

Tuesday 23rd

commenced fresh NW wind at 4 boats in lat in our scragg finished mending boat latter strong NW wind did not send out boats took a raft of water and 2 loads wood

Wednesday 24th

fore part strong NW wind employ stowing the hold with water Shipped Alexander McL Neil latter fine weather 3 boats sent

Thursday 25th

fore part SE wind went latter employ stowing the hold with water latter fine weather sent out 3 boats

Friday 26th

fore part SE wind took a raft to the other side for water latter strong NW wind sent out 3 boats & filling water

New Zealand

Saturday Aug 27th 1835

fore part fresh NW wind got off all our water
at 5 boats returned latter strong NW wind 2 boats
sent out the others sent West mizen to provide
mated with South Boston Butler

Sunday 28th

fore part strong NW gale sent up fore and main topmasts
latter strong NW Gale sent out 4 boats got of 3 loads wood

Monday 29th

fore part thick NW wind took a small whale another to South
Boston. Anchored another outside latter calm much rain
sent out 4 boats

Tuesday 30th

fore part much rain got another small whale took
him to the ship and cut in the first one latter fresh
NW wind sent out 3 boats cut in the other whale and began to bail
Ship J Gardner

Wednesday 31st

fore part moderate NW wind employ boiling at 5 boats in
latter strong NW gale and squally still boiling 3 boats out

Thursday Sept 1st

fore part more moderate still boiling at 5 boats in. I have been sick
with dysentery 5 days latter calm with much rain finished boiling
sent out 4 boats I feel better today

Friday 2nd

fore part much rain at 4 boats in latter thick and raining
sent out 4 boats

Saturday 3rd

thick cloudy weather at 5 boats in. Whales got every day
we get none latter 4 boats out to get nothing

Sunday 4th

fore part foggy boats in. No Whales latter foggy
4 boats out I am quite sick again

Monday 5th

fore part calm at 4 a stoven boat in and Badly stove and half
a whale only to pay for it between two of us latter fresh
NW wind sent out 4 boats employ mending Boat
Our whale sunk the Benjamin Rush sailed

Tuesday Sept. 6. 1836

fore part fresh NW wind at 6 Boat returned
Latter heavy NW wind 4 boats out

Wednesday 7"

fore part thick weather and heavy NW wind at 5
boats in. Could not tow in the whale. Latter more
moderate sent out 4 boats finished mending the Boat

Thursday 8"

fore part moderate towed our whale in to the S Boston
Latter fine weather killed 1 whale she sunk towed in a calf

Friday 9"

fore part moderate SE wind sent up fore & main top
sail yards. Latter SE wind towed in our whale began to cut
Ship. Old Harris

Saturday 10"

Commenced fresh SE wind at 5 finished boiling
Latter fresh SE wind 3 boats out employ boiling

Sunday 11"

fore part strong SE wind at 4 boats in. Latter part fine
weather 3 boats out employ boiling

Tom Otaheite put away

Monday 12"

fore part fine weather at 5 boats in finished boiling
Latter fine weather 3 boats out. Killed 2 Whales anchored
one sunk the other sunk no line to her also got a Boat stove

Tuesday 13"

fore part fresh NW wind broke out stark fore hold
Latter a raging SE gale employ stowing down Oil

Wednesday 14"

fore part heavy SE gale finished stowing down. Latter more
moderate sent out 3 boats employ mending stove boat

Thursday 15"

fore part fine weather towed in one whale anchored the other
Latter fine weather 3 boats out employ blacking bend

Friday 16"

fore part fresh NW wind towed in our other whale
took to the South Boston the Tuscaloosa sailed
Latter cloudy sent out 2 Boats

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Saturday Sept 17th

fore part calm with much fine rain latter part
the same kind of weather and nothing to be done

Sunday 18th

Commences fresh SE wind and much rain arrived
Barque Australia from Cooper's Harbour 400 bbls in want
of men latter fine weather sent out 2 boats and one to River

Monday 19th

fore part fine weather at 4 boats in no whales bent main
and mizzen topsails latter fine weather taking off wood and
water and getting ready for sea got a small raft water

Tuesday 20th

fore part fine weather finish bending sails latter part
NW wind Bleed Hawser and took up Lathboard Anchor

Wednesday 21st

fore part fresh wind got ready for the stream one boat
return from the river lost their raft of Spars
Middle part wind struck heavy from SE called all hands
streamed Kedge warped ship to SE let go best hawser
latter heavy gale from SE warped still farther to SE
(Sailed Ship John Oldam)

Thursday 22nd

fore part heavy SE gale and heavy gusts drag big anchor
like to get foul of James Stewart streamed Kedge and
hawser to SW wind blew extreme heavy in gusts every
way a ship and brig came in - at 7 wind rather moderate
latter calm employ getting unmoored

discharge Old Hawsers

Friday 23rd

fore part fine weather at 3 got underway and ran off
in the stream came too in 8 o'clock latter calm getting
fitted for sea getting of Potatoes and other jobs

Saturday 24th

Commences NW wind employ painting boats and coiling
lines latter fine weather fitting ship and painting boats

Sunday 25th

fore part fresh NW gale still employ usefully latter strong
NW gale employ variously sent up top got yard

Remarks Monday Sep. 28

fore part strong NW wind lying at anchor latter strong NW gale employ fitting our boats

Tuesday 28

fore part heavy gale from NW at 8 veered to WNW latter fresh NW wind at 8 up anchor and steer out at 12 Cape Campbell bore south dist 10 mile our Lat 41.46 stored anchors and cables the Eric and Joseph Barton in company

Wednesday 28

fore part strong NW gale steer ESE at 8 Cape Palliser bore N. dist 25 miles double reefed the topsails middle part more moderate made sail at 2 wind started to SSE latter strong SSE gale fine rain came by East under double reef topsails 2 ships in company No obsⁿ judged myself 70 miles East from Cape Palliser in Lat 41.40

Thursday 29

fore part heavy wind from SSE came by East under double reef took in fore boat at 8 more moderate latter fresh South wind and rug steer ESE spoke the Eric steer NE saw finbacks Lat 42.13 Long 179.00 E

Friday 30

fresh SSW wind and rug steer NE saw 2 ships latter fine weather wind from South came NNE employ mending sails Lat 40.35 Long 181.30

Saturday October 1

commence moderate South wind steer NE at 2 saw and chased a right whale could not strike latter strong gale from South steer NE passed the Franklin employ mending old sails Lat 39.53 Long 183.10

Sunday 2

fore part strong gale from South came NE saw finbacks at 8 have too bent old main sail latter strong gale from South and squally steer NE under blue reef topsails Lat 39.40 Long 184.43

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Monday October 3rd 1830
commence strong gales from South at 6 hours too to the
W^{SW} saw blackfish a heavy sea Latter more moderate
thick and cloudy steer NE employ mending sail
Eric not in sight Lat 38.20 Long 186.00
Tuesday 4th

Commence fresh South wind steer West under double reef
Luna saw many finbacks Latter fresh SBE wind and cloudy
183.52 Steer West saw nothing at all Lat 37.59 Long 183.12 Ch.
Wednesday 5th

Strong SSE wind come by W nothing seen very dull at
6 tacked to Eastward Latter heavy wind and sea from
SSE stood to East under close reef to sails and
Luna Lat 38.2 Long Ch. 183.50 Luna 184.10
Thursday 6th

Heavy SSE gale with very heavy sea saw Blackfish
at 6 furlied to sails Latter strong SE gales and
cloudy stood to the ESE Lat 37.44 Long 184.33
Friday 7th

fresh wind and squally tacked to SBE at 6 furlied the
to sails the weather has been bad this week and no
Whales to be seen Last year there were plenty of Whales
here but now we see none and I am heart sick
but do not despair as yet Latter fine weather from ESE
come by South all sail saw Blackfish and a right Whale
ran us out of sight N Ch. Lat 38.30 Long 184.19
Saturday 8th

four point moderate ESE wind inclining to Calm stood
to South saw blackfish at 6 shortened sail middle and
Latter Calm saw finbacks and Blackfish Lat 39.17 Long 184.11
Sunday 9th

Calm saw Blackfish got 5 saw finbacks and Grampuses but
No Whales My mind is far from being very Easy middle wind
from N^W Latter fresh N^W wind saw one right
Whale going quick to North and a pair young finbacks
stood to W^{SW} under double reef Lat 39.28
Long 183.30 East

Remarks On Monday Aug 10th 1836

four part increasing wind from NWW above ship, to
NE at 6 hove too weather looking bad at 12 more
moderate. Latter moderate wind from NWW with
heavy swell saw the Franklin and spoke the South
Barton No oil steered SSE Lat 39.23 Long 183.37 E

Tuesday 11th

four part fresh NW wind saw many fin backs and
one right whale chased him till night too shy
at 7 hove too Latter strong wind at West and rugged
steered SSE Skerton in Co Lat 40.12 Long 184.00

Wednesday 12th

four part strong NWW gale with heavy sea steered SSE
till night. Then wore ship to NNE shortened sail saw
nothing Latter heavy wind at NW stood to NNE under
close reef very high sea Lat 40.13 Long 184.45

Thursday 13th

heavy NW gale stood to NNE at 6 hove too heavy sea
Latter more moderate Lat 39.56 Long 186.17

Friday 14th

at 2 took a squall from SW at 4 strong NWW
wind saw and struck one right whale at night
cut and of course lost 2 iron. Latter a gale from
SWW hove too Lat 39.40 Long 186.00

Saturday 15th

heavy gale and heavy sea Lay headed to WBS at
6 rather moderate Latter heavy wind from NWW
stood to WBS at 12 took in topsails saw one whale
boiled one Blackfish Lat 39.30 Long 186.00

Sunday 16th

Commenced a gale at NWW headed to WBS at 6 more
moderate saw many fowls but a gale every day is
not the thing for us and we are poor a long time
out but little oil tins going fast may the Lord take
pity on us Latter a NWW Gale

Lat 39.27 Long 185.30

Wednesday Oct 17th 1836

fore part NW gale latter heavy gale at NW

Lat 39.39 Long 186.00

Tuesday 18th

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186.26 fore part Ditto latter worse how too Lat 39.05 Long 186.42

Wednesday 19thfore part NW gale latter Ditto with heavy squalls
from SE by S saw the Franklin Lat 39.02 Long 186.46Thursday 20thfore part heavy gale from SE at 8 more moderate
latter strong at NW stood to NW Lat 39.10 Long 186.08Friday 21stfore part moderate from NW and smoky haze at 5
shortened sail bid fair for a good day tomorrow and to get a
whale may the Lord so grant morning is come and good
weather nothing to be seen Lat 39.56 Long 185.48Saturday 22nd

Smoky Hazy weather wind from NW steered North all
sail out saw some Finbacks going fast to the North
at 7 took in sail - just 12 months ago there was
abundance of Right Whales in this precise spot
but we were not here and now we are here there
is no Whales - let us head where we will there is
sure not to be any Whales or else a gale of wind
I am heart sick and know not which way to head
but must go some where for we see nothing here I
decide to have Patience Grant me for all my trial
latter heavy SW gale by Lat 39.14 Long 186.00

Sunday 23rdheavy wind stood NW set Sticksail latter heavy
SW wind steered NW Lat 38.15 Long 186.08Monday 24th

heavy swell wind from West at 3 saw a whale chased
him did not strike at sight saw several how too
dark looking weather we are very thankful to see them
middle heavy gales and latter a dense sight worse
Eastern Channel Lat 38.08 Long 186.50

Tuesday Oct 25th 1836

fresh West wind with heavy sea ahead head which
way we may for every thing is a head ahead and
keep us astern. No weather to lower a boat and
28 days out to day never seen the Sun rise or set
yet land it is as foggy as tho we were on the Banks
of Newfoundland. For short things must soon grow
better for worse tis almost impossible for them
to be. Could we sometimes have a fair day it would
amuse us but it has been a gale with little exception
for 17 days. Latter gale from West stood NW
under heavy press of sail Lat 38.8 Long 187.10

Wednesday 26th

gale from West thick drizzle and fog struck 2
whales down from both sides saw many fine whales
all night till day break the Boats on Quirk saw
many whales but they at 12 struck one parted the
line and went off. I am as patient under existing
circumstances as tis possible for me to be knowing
it to be all hard luck Lat 38.07 Long 1

Thursday 27th

at 1 pm hard squall wind and rain saw many
whales at 4 in toprails at 6 hours too extreme
heavy squall Latter more moderate set close reef
and steamed NW Lat 37.10 Long 186.09

Friday 28th

four part heavy SW gale saw the Jasper and many
whales at home feeding & playing for good weather
but the Lords will be done Latter strong winds with
mountain swell till 9 then thick with major squalls
of fine rain saw whales too far off to lower
and could not get to them with the
Ship in short miseries and every
thing an every tack and I have been sick
with dysentery this 2 Months I have
done all I could but fate is against me
Lat by Quill 36.50 Long no matter

Saturday Oct 29th 1836

fore part calm with heavy swell saw whales far off Latter saw whales going quick to the Westward and Southward could not catch them. Lat 36.57 Long 186.12

Sunday 30th

fore part fine wind and weather from South stood to the ESE at 4 saw several whales at 5 lowered and struck had one boat stove all to pieces another badly stove and a special Act of Providence nobody hurt at 6 took the whale along side thankful to the Lord time was over Latter fine weather cut in our whale and made sail to the SSW wind East Lat 30.55 Long 186.15

Monday 31st

fine weather steer SSW boiling and mending boat spoke paper Latter part fresh & E wind steer SE 2 ships in sight we boiling Lat 37.19 Long 186.10

Tuesday November 1st

fore part fresh & NE wind steer SSW at 5 saw a whale killed her at 7 took her to the ship finished boiling Latter part fine weather cut in our whale made sail spoke John Adams 6 whales Lat 37.49 Long 185.44

Wednesday 2nd

stood to WNW wind with fine weather at 6 saw a whale going quick to Westward at 7 calm we boiling Latter fine weather finished boiling saw one whale going quick to ENE and mending boat Lat 37.43 Long 186.00 heavy swell from ESE

Thursday 3rd

fore part strong ESE wind stood to NE spoke the Eric saw 1 whale going fast to SE Latter strong SE wind stood to ENE stowing down in the after hold and run 2 ships in sight Lat 37.19 Long 186.25

Friday 4th

strong SE wind stood to NE stowing down at 6 finished saw nothing Latter fresh ESE wind stood by SSW 2 ships in sight but nothing else the whales took off and mending boat Lat 37.15 Long 186.32

Saturday Nov 5th 1836

Commenced fresh East wind stood to S E all
sail 2 ships in sight saw nothing latter fine
wind and weather from E N E at 9 saw whale
struck one run like a dog out of a smoke
house saw the Franklin Lat 38° 05 Long 186° 30

Sunday 6th

at 5 got our whale to the ship. Cut off the head
throat and lips and stopped for the night
with cloudy E S E wind latter moderate East
wind at 7 finished cutting made sail 4 sail
in sight began to boil Lat 38° 17

Monday 7th

fore part moderate wind from E S E at 2 saw
whales got one at 6 finished cutting spoke
the Franklin. 5 whales began boiling latter
cloudy at 8 saw a whale down Boat and killed
took him along side at 12 finished cutting saw
more and three ships Lat 39° 05 Long 187° 08

Tuesday 8th

fore part fresh N E wind employ boiling at 4
saw whales but having 3 between decks did not
lower latter strong wind from North and
rue stood to E N E employ boiling and
mending boat Lat 39° 49 Long 186° 50

Wednesday 9th

Change of
the moon
and
Eclipse
of the
sun

fore part Strong wind at North and rue
stood to the E N E under main topsail and
fore sail employ boiling at 4 saw 2 ships
in the S E standing to the Westward
latter strong gale from North at 7 put out
the fire handed the fore sail lay by headed to the
E N E much fine rain saw the Macy
at 12 heavy gale spiked our air and well
lashed it having over 100 lbs on deck and
cabbie dubbe between decks No sun seen to day
Lat Rec 39° 30 Long 187° 20

Thursday Nov 10th 1836

four part hard gale from North with much rain at 5 wind started suddenly to NW and died away with a heavy sea causing the ship to labor hard took in Starboard boat Latter strong wind at West stood by North under main top sail and fore sail boiling and blowing down in the after hold spoke the Navy to end heavy swell Lat 39 17 Long 187 34

Friday 11th

light air from NW mostly calm with high swell from North boiling and stowing down in after hold Latter more moderate from NW stood to the NE finished boiling Lat 39 6 Long 187 40

Saturday 12th

four part strong NW wind stood to the NW we saw the Navy but no whales Latter calm stowing down oil in last fore hold at 10 saw a whale going quick to NE chased him hard Lat 39 06 Long 187 00 finished

Sunday 13th

four part light NW wind finished stowing down 70 ke Spoke Navy she got a whale. We none but hope for some tomorrow Latter fine weather from NW stood to North saw nothing started our shook heads and hoops Lat 38 35 Long 187 44

Monday 14th

stood by North weather hazy nothing seen and we are still poor Latter moderate wind with much fog from NW steered South nothing to be seen employed loopering and making for Spencer Lat 38 Long 187 50

Tuesday 15th

finished mending Old boat after 11 days work steered South but nothing seen here in this Lat we have seen very many whales but there is none here now and we have 4 on the beskitten but for they are not sick Latter strong winds at NW at 12 saw one whale going quick to NE could not strike Lat 39 09 Long 187 21

Wednesday, Nov "16" 1836

fore part strong NW wind stood to NW saw
one whale shot at night Latter strong NW
gale and rain lay by to the NE La Fayette 39.70 Noalt.

Thursday 17

at 1 wind started to put made sail to NE nothing
to be seen I am almost in despair for want of whale
but all is for the best yet one cant help wishing for
plenty of whales and we have seen many hereabouts
and good weather makes there presence desirable now
Latter strong south wind run ENE under all sail
2 finbacks Only seen Lat 38-22 Long 188-40

Friday 18

Nothing seen come ENE till night then shot sail
some other course tomorrow if whales are not seen I am
sick at heart Latter light south wind come NW under
main to sail to men at 10 saw a whale going quick
to SE chased him hard Lat 37-56 Long 189-12

Saturday 19

Saw another whale going like John could not catch
perhaps we may in time see some we can but all
things work together for good if we only think so
Latter calm at 6 saw a whale struck him and took
him to the ship at 12 cut him in thanks to providence
for this Lat 37-40 Long 189-44

Sunday 20

fore part light winds at West and pleasant stood to
SW saw finbacks and black fish Latter light wind
from NW saw many finback at 12 saw one whale
lowered and killed him took him to the ship small
but thankful for him Lat 37-45 Long 189-39

Monday 21

fore part but in one whale stood to SW saw many
finbacks Latter fresh NW wind saw a whale chased
him could not catch him employ boiling saw
finbacks Lat 37-53 Long 189-30

Tuesday Nov 22-1836

fore part strong N.W. gale at 1 saw 2 whales got one took her
to the ship at 7 finished cutting Latter part moderate
wind at N.W. and much rain put out the fire
Lat 38-06 Long 189-22

Wednesday 23"

fore part rainy till 4 P.M. then wind started to south lit up
our fire stood to W.S.W. saw finbacks Latter moderate
S.E. wind with heavy south swell steered North boiling
japed a fresh carcass Lat 37-43 Long 188-45

Thursday 24"

fore part moderate from S.E. saw finbacks at 10 till
with heavy mountain swell from ... South Latter
moderate from N.E. finished boiling broke out fore peak
to stow down. Oil saw nothing Lat 37-27 Long 188-00

Friday 25"

fore part wind N.E. steered to N.W. stowing down at 6 light
rain steered S.W. Latter fresh N.W. wind steered to S.W. finished
stowing down 130 bbls Lat 37-42 Long 187-00

Saturday 26"

fore part fresh N.W. wind and rug stood by to the S.W.
under double reef saw nothing We want more whales
in the lower hold very much am in earnest hope that
we shall get some soon thankful for what we have
Latter light S.W. wind inclining to Calm at 10 tacked to wit
saw finbacks at 12 Calm Lat 38-28 Long 187-00

Sunday 27"

at 3 light wind at 6 A.M. steered West saw 2 humpbacks I now
do not know which way to head for whales as they have
left this Ground and gone somewhere else and we must seek
them with patience and perseverance and may Providence
direct us for we ourselves are short sighted and can only
rely on Providence for all things Latter part fresh wind at
N.E. steered S.E. neither courses or distances however
avail us as nothing is to be seen but the will of God
be done in all things Lat 38-48 Long 185-50

We keep Sunday as there is nothing particular to do

Monday November 28 1838

overcast weather wind from NE saw one lone humpback
at 6 hauled to the ESE my intention is to go once more
down to 170 and if no whales to proceed elsewhere my
feelings are much depressed but I strive to think all is
for the best and need enough for it Latter E & NE gale saw
Red brit and jampies No Wh - Lat^t 39.10 Long 186.20
Tuesday 29

stood to NW at 6 fueled foveail lay by to the NW had
looking weather fine rain at 12 Mth wind at North Latter
fresh wind from NW steered E & E saw finback
heavy swell from E & E Lat^t 39.30 Long 186.50
Wednesday 30

Run E & E fresh NW wind my Sam sick Good by
to hope and all Patience Exhausted Latter strong NW
wind steered by NE saw a vast many finback
and foveals Lat^t 39.10 Long 188.40
Thursday Dec 1

Commenced the month with discouraging prospects
No Whales stood by NE wind NW Latter light NW
wind tacked to West much fine rain saw 1 finback
More need not be said No Lat^t about 38.40 Long 189.30
Friday 2

Wind light from NW stood by West I hope to be
pardonned for all my repinings but I can stand no
more my hopes are exhausted my wishes frustrated
by adverse circumstances and naive to bear report
of them with me nor offer the least word of
Encouragement but appear perfectly unconcerned
about our good or ill Success may they in their
turns experience my feelings to all the harm I wish
them Latter same Lat^t 38.20 Long 188.30
Saturday 3

begins Wind West and Squally stood to North
Latter ditto Lat^t 38.59 Long 188.39
Sunday 188.27

Sunday Dec 4th 1836

for part had Gale at 10th stood NW Ruled journal
Latter moderate stood by NW Lat 36.01 Long 188.13

Monday 5th

light winds at first at 7 tacked to SSW Latter ditto got
a blackfish I am still sensible Lat 35.42 Long 187.46

Tuesday 6th

ditto I am almost wore out Latter ditto passed a dead right
Whale Old and Spoiled Lat 35.35 Long 188.36

Wednesday 7th

for part ditto at 7 calm at 12 wind ESE Latter stem was
much rain in from NE Lat 35.39 Long 186.10

Thursday 8th

much rain from NE corner NW Latter fresh NW wind
stem by NW Lat 35.59 Long 183.28

Friday 9th

Wind NW Saw 3 hawks on this glorious ground it is
as barren as the swept with the besom of destruction
Latter calm saw a breach Lat 36.27 Long 182.30

Saturday 10th

calm and flattering from SSW stood West Latter
fresh wind at West at 9 saw a large sperm whale
at 10 lowered the boats at 12 took him along side

Sunday 11th

Strong West wind got in the body and junk and lay by
the head Latter strong SSW wind at 7 finished Chilling
and began boiling so ended Lat 36.01 Long 181.30

Monday 12th

Strong SSE wind and squalls fine rain stood to SW
under short sail many birds Latter strong SE gale stood
to SSW under short sail boiling Lat 36.00 Long 180.10

Tuesday 13th

Commenced fresh SSE wind stood to ESE till 5 then
hove ship to SW middle part finished boiling about 7 o'clock
Latter strong SSW wind and cloudy stood off to SE
Saw nothing employ hooping Lat 35.45 Long 180.06
Strong Northern Current. Lat 179.40

Wednesday December 14th

fresh wind at South stood in NW latter light air
from NW stood off SE Lat 35.51 Long 179.55 E

Thursday 15th 1836

calm till 3 then wind from West stood to South saw
many porpoises Emf. making a forecast latter fresh
NW wind with a Mountain swell from SE at 10 passed
a Ship standing to NE. No obs Lat 37.10 Long 179.30

Friday 16th

Strong wind from North and rain at 2 luff too to ENE
at 3 wind shifted to West cleared a little at 4 saw
the land bearing SSW dist 20 miles set the forecast
stood NE till 7 then hove too NW heavy West gale
with Tremendous SE swell Our Chronometer I
think gives about 25 or thirty miles too much
Easting that is to say the Ship is that much
further West than the Chronometer indicates
latter heavy West gale and heavy sea lay by to the NW
this is Right Lunar 179.41 Lat 36.48 Long 180.42 ^{wrong}

Saturday 17th

commenced heavy gale from NW at 6 rather more
moderate saw a sail to the North latter more moderate
spoke Rebecca Simms N Bedford E Ray 5 mo 100 bbls
stood to SE Lat 36.33 Long 180.08

Sunday 18th

for part decreasing wind at 10 stood to NW
saw a sail in the NW latter light West wind
tacked to SW Lat 36.33 Long 179.46

Monday 19th

moderate wind at 10 NW stood in SW at 6
shortened sail saw porpoises latter strong NW
wind and rug stood in to the SW saw gimbals
at 12 land to Cape East Lat 37.21 Long 179.50
thick and hazy saw not more than 30 miles
Quite high

Tuesday dec 20th 1836

Strong NW wind stood in till 4 then off at which
time saw bore from NW to SW about 25 m
dist and our chronometer appears to be right for
the gave long 179.35 Later light wind at NW
stood to South saw nothing Lat 37.08 Long 180.08

Wednesday 21st

commenced light wind at 6. stood off land in sight
50 miles Later heavy wind stood to SW saw nothing
at all at all Lat 38.07 Long 180.08

Thursday 22nd

stood off nothing seen and saw almost crazy
thunder we go a blight attend us later heavy
gale from West stood in Lat 37.52 Long 180.30

Friday 23rd

gale from West same old six pence later wind
light and another day gone Lat 37.26 Long 180.38

Saturday 24th

calm and flattering I am bound somewhere else for
here is nothing to be seen later fine weather stood
by SWWS Lat 37.46 Long 180.04

Sunday 25th

it is strange people tell such infamous lies for I
cannot believe there ever was a whale here and I
am heart sick and bound off from here
later fresh wind at South because we want
to go that way in fact if we head any way there
is nothing but head winds and where we want
whales they are not to be seen Lat 38.30 Long 180.19

Monday 26th

for part a strong gale from South and we stood
off ESE later fine weather stowing down in fore
hold as we have kept it long enough Lat 38.47 Long 180.37

Tuesday 27th

for part fine weather stood N W spoke a Sydney Bark
later part wind from South saw only finbacks
and we are very poor Lat 39.35 Long 180.06

Wednesday Dec 28th 1835

I am almost resolved not to write another day
occurrence for tis all alike no Whales and that
has always been the luck of this Ship
fore part gale at South latter ditto

Lat 40.15 Long 180.48

Thursday 29th

fore part gale at South latter wind at NW
fine weather no Whales Lat 40.32 Long 180.02

Friday 30th

fore part Wind at South latter ditto Lat 41.01 Long 179.38

Saturday 31st

here goes the last day of this year no Whales seen for 3 long
weeks and a head wind for us to get to the South
Where I believe we may see some but we are all
nearly discouraged latter light WSW wind passed
Whale Garbage Lat 41.00 Long 179.2

Sunday Jan 1. 1837

wind from NW saw several finbacks a new year
has commenced and may the termination find
me differently situated than our present hard
fortune seems to indicate for nothing can be
more wearing to the Constitution than the trials
of an unfortunate set of beings like ourselves
Some Gratulation is due for the first since we left
port all hands are on duty most generally bare worn
than Lick latter strong gales from NW with a heavy
sea from South at 12 hard squalls lay by

Lunar 1780.30

Lat 42.00 Long 178.15

Monday 2nd

Strong NW gales with a horrible sea at 6 noon
moderate set foresail stem SWB latter moderate
wind from WSW stood by with nothing swimming
Or spouting to be seen Lat 42.40

Long 178.20

Lunar 1780.43

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Tuesday January 3/1837
fine part light and calm saw 13 log fish got 2
Latter variable light wind saw nothing the day is
16 hours long I am an my feet at least 15 and when
night comes I am entirely beat out added to care
of mind and our hard luck wears me down but God
tempers the wind to the shorn lamb and perhaps
these trials are all for the best I only wish to be
reigned and be thankful for the blessings I enjoy
one of which at present is health. Lat 43-01 Long 177-25

Wednesday 4"
fine NNE wind steering SW by W all sail nothing but
a finback Latter fresh wind from NW stood by NW
nothing seen Lat acct 44-00 Long 175-20

Thursday 5"
fresh NW wind stood in at 4 saw Banks Island
heaving NW at 7 saw the land bearing NW saw
a sperm whale changed to a right whale and finally
adopted the whole exterior habiliments of a finback
stood off East Our Chronometer gives us too far East
Latter again from NW Lat 44-05 Long 175-30

Friday 6"
heavy gale from NW lay to the NE very bad
sea ship labored hard took in our boats I will
go from here as soon as a favorable wind comes
for this is not the place to whale in - middle
part heavy gale Latter extreme heavy gale
from NW lay by to the NE with a bad sea and
the ship laboring hard Lat 44-03 Long 176-50

Saturday 7"
heavy gale till 3 began to lessen at 5 started to NW
set reefed foresail steered NE with heavy swell from
NW and heavy sea from NE in what a bad place
and our ship has made a good deal of water this
blow Latter calm with heavy sea till 9 then a breeze
from SE steered NE saw hump backs and finbacks
No other No sun to be seen to day Lat 43-40 Long 177-30

Sunday January 8th 1837

fair part fresh wind from ESE steady NE at 7
close reef topsails took in Larboard boat a heavy
swell from North and weather looking how'd
wild as tho we should have gale dead on shore
Latter moderate wind from NE thick and
cloudy stood to NW Lat 43-10 Long 178-30

Monday 9th

Strong NE wind night a head stood to NW
thick foggy weather Latter light head wind
and fine rain. Lat 42-50 Long 178-00

Tuesday 10th

light winds fog and rain from NE stood to
East All time is going I am wore out may
God forgive my repining I am nearly
destitute of hope & for wings to fly from this
horrid country any person looking at this
journal can enter into my feelings it seems
Sometimes as tho all nature conspired against
us I try to bear it patiently but I cannot
and to think how hard we have to strive
against adversity is sickening to the soul
but I have been taught that God is merciful
and he only can help us we can do nothing
of ourselves and if it is his pleasure I should
be thus afflicted his will be done may he
strengthen me to bear it and may all
these trials work for my good
Latter thick NE wind stood to the NW B. heavy NW
swell uncertain Lat 42-20 Long 178-45

Wednesday 11th

heavy sea from NE heavy swell from NW and a
strong NE gale at 6 wore ship to ESE under close
reef main topsail and foresail much fine rain and every
thing indicating a heavy gale the Lord be Merciful to our
unworthy sinful wretches Latter more moderate at NW
to NE Lat 41-29 Long 179-50 Lunar 179-17

Thursday January 12/1837
at length the weather looks better the wind still at
NW stood by NEB N with a high NNE swell
rather strong NW wind caused by NNE with
old Northern swell Lat 40° 30' Long 181° 16' (Lunar 180.32)
Friday 13"

Commenced heavy NW wind till 6 then started to
WSW steered NW under close reef main top sail
and foresail with mountainous swell at North and
brought from 44 down here latter rather more
moderate from SW steered NW made all sail
saw nothing Lat 38° 22' Long 181° 20' (Lunar 180.36)
Saturday 14"

For part light baffling wind, inclined to calm latter fine
weather moderate again at NW stood by North all
sail out Lat 37° 10' Long 182° 04' (Lunar 181.07)
Sunday 15"

Commenced light air from NW came by North nothing
seen I am discouraged and tis enough to make any one
so for we have seen nothing this six weeks and if we
wish to go any where the wind is sure to prevail contrary
for 2 weeks now the wind has been only about 16 hours
between the South and West - true the winds here are
governed by no fixed principles but tis hard they should
always be ahead for us and I verily believe were we
in the SE trade steering west the wind would come
West in 24 hours - last year at nearly this time the
wind was at ENE to ESE for 18 days but we are all
miserable creatures and without Providence blessing
us can do nothing latter heard Wind and minus
Whales Lat 36° 19' Long 182° 02'

Monday 16"
For part Wind NW to N W latter wind ditto Lat 35° 58' Long 181° 54'

Tuesday 17"
For part a Glorious West and NW wind sent up Miz' top gfy and
mast to Whales latter wind at WSW steered a good full
NW B & nothing seen Lat 34° 18' Long 181° 22'

Wednesday January 18th 1837
fine wind and weather at 8 PM before NW nothing
seen latter calm at 8 saw sperm whale fly off
going fast toward and chased but the weather was so
still we could not catch them Lat 33.00 Long 180.52

Thursday 19th
fore part chased till 3 came on board with at 8 PM
chased the whales till night going direct to NW at 8
shortened sail latter strong ESE wind and sea
stood to North saw nothing Lat 31.13 Long 180.48

Friday 20th
strong ESE wind stood North see nothing of the
Rock altho our Lat and chronometer says we
ought latter strong ESE gales with heavy sea
sea stood to NE saw a ship. Lat 31.58 Long 180.57

Saturday 21st
heavy ESE wind spoke W^m Thompson 1500 stood
South Rock bears North Lat 31.25 Chr^o is right
latter part heavy ESE gale and heavy sea
at 8 hove to the other ship in sight Lat 31.25 Long 180.57

Sunday 22nd
commenced heavy ESE gale and heavy sea from
SSE at 4 sent down top of yards of Royal masts
to ease the ship took in bows and Starb Quarter
boat this is certainly a Windy Ocean and
wrought to be thankful we know of no Land
under our lee at least I am extremely so

Latter continues heavy ESE gales still lying
by the other ship to leeward Lat 33.13 Long 179.30

Monday 23rd
continues heavy gales with squalls wind and
rain high sea still lying too latter more moderate
thick rain made sail to NNE Lat 33.25 Long 179.30

Tuesday 24th
fore part middle part and latter calm flattening
and thick with fog Lat 33.01 Long 179.40

Wednesday 25 January 1830

light S.W. wind, stood N.E. saw 3 ships and a whale
but no whales for 7 long weeks truly a journal of missing
hope does not keep the alive I expect and that is all
Latter spoke Mt Vernon and Dartmouth but I got no letters
and mean to write none Lat. 32.50 Long 180.27 E

Thursday 26

Stood N.E. 3 ships in sight nothing else ends with South
wind saw supposed Whales going windward Lat 32.49 Long 181.25 E

Friday 27

Stood N.E. till 6 hauled by East Ends S.E. gale and rain stood
to S.W. No Obs Lat 32.20 Long 181.20

Saturday 28

Commenced as usual Latter ditto Lat 32.33 Long 181.25

Sunday 29

as usual Latter ditto thick fog squally Lat 32.45 Long 181.00

Monday 30

No difference Latter light and rain at E & E spoke ship
Dartmouth No more Obs Lat 32.24 Long 180.10

Tuesday 31

calm and flattering from E & E Latter heavy rain and
at N.E. at 10 cleared off saw Grandfather Lat 32.33 Long 180.50

Wednesday February 1

fresh from N.W. saw a ship to leeward Latter calm with
much rain saw 2 ships Lat 32.30 Long 180.40

Thursday 2

calm a boat from the Brighton 20th 500 bbl. Latter calm
saw many blackfish painting ship Lat 32.15 Long 180.56

Friday 3

light E & E winds spoke Independence N.B. 1050 saw 2 others
Latter stood to N.E. saw French rock N.E. 20 miles
saw 3 ships at 12 tacked off Lat 31.32 Long 181.15

(true Long Rock 180.50 E Lat 31.25) Saturday 4

stood off saw a ship cutting and 3 doing nothing saw
heart sick Latter strong wind saw the rock and 4
ships spoke Christopher Mitchell 2800

Sunday Feb 5th 1837

Strong SE wind stood off Latter spoke James Munroe
1250 Dartmouth Lat 31.32 Long 180.50 sup
Monday 6th

fine weather stood off Latter stood SSW got wind
from Plasket Lat 32.13 Long 179.37
Tuesday 7th

fore part light ENE wind seen SSW at 7 hours too
Latter stood SW passed Dartmouth Lat 32.44 Long 179.00
Wednesday 8th

light NW wind some rain stood SSW Latter part sent out
Dead but dying by inches Lat 33.17 Long 178.00
Thursday 9th

Begin as usual (C. Mitchell to land) for 9 weeks to whale
a punishment greater than I can bear with patience
Latter part SE wind came by SSW Lat 32.54 Long 176.50
Friday 10th

fore part as usual Latter saw a large whale 3 miles
off the weather bore low boat saw him no more Lat 33.01 Long 175.50
Saturday 11th

fore part wind SSE came by SW Latter same Lat 33.45 Long 175.49
Sunday 12th

fore part stood to SSW saw a ship to the windward Latter
fine weather spoke W^m Hamilton 3800 Lat 34.00 Long 175.00
Monday 13th

Strong wind spoke English Ship Elizabeth 800 Latter strong
ESE wind came South Lat 34.42 Long 175.00
Tuesday 14th

fore part Strong wind at 2 saw Cape Brett bearing SW
Run for it at 6 it bore SSW 10 miles hauled off NNE
Latter squally at 12 anchored in Bay of island
Cape Brett SBE 4 E 2 miles Long 174.20
Wednesday 15th

fore part getting water casks ready Latter same
good chronometer
Thursday 16th

Still lying at anchor Latter same

Friday 17th

Still lying at anchor Latter strong ESE gale got off water

Saturday 18th 1837

heavy ESE wind and squally part the crew on liberty Latter strong
ESE gales and squally weather still lying by

Sunday 19th

fore part continues squally at 8 let go small bower
under foot Latter hard gales and rain from North

Monday 20th

fore part more moderate at 4 fine weather wind from
NW took up small bower Latter fresh wind from
NW took off 1960 lbs Bread

Tuesday 21st

fore part fine weather Sun blacking heads and Quarter
Latter fine weather painting Bulwarks

Wednesday 22nd

fore part fine weather Latter calm light air in

Thursday 23rd

fore part calm Latter fresh wind at NW waiting for a wind

Friday 24th

wind ahead Latter strong NW wind up anchor and out

Saturday 25th

left at 3.17.44 18 laps knot 13.5 E. 2 miles dist
fore part NW wind steady at 6 fore part bore NW
dist 30 miles Latter strong NW wind lower NE

all sail at 10 saw a sail Lat 33.58 Long 176.00

Sunday 26th

Spoke Envoys black 1850.38th Stead NE Latter strong NW
wind calm NW E saw nothing Lat 32.39 Long 178.00

Monday 27th

Stead NE at 6 ESE Latter light and mainly from NW
lower East Odear nothing got on Sec. Lat 32.00 Long 180

Tuesday 28th

light air and much fine rain lower SE 15 saw
oil leaks and saw fore part with my patience as there
seems no more for us O God grant in mercy we
may get a whale to raise our drooping spirits cast down
by 3 months hard luck Latter light winds and rain
all round at 9 Lat 32.06 Long 180.00

June 181.20

Wednesday March 1. 1837

fore part Rain Latter brisk wind from S.E. came
by 6 P.M. all sail saw jumper. Lat 32.20 Long 181.30

Thursday 2

Began as usual Ende Ditt. Lat 31.48 Long 182.13

Friday 3

Saw 2 Sail Latter spoke Ganges Bristol 12th 80 bbls. Lat 30.52 Long 183.00

Saturday 4

prob S.E. wind stood to E.N.E. saw 4 ships Latter Ditt

Long 183.40 Lat 30.39

Sunday 5

Saw a ship take a whale but there is none come
in sight of us and I do not know for what reason
for we need enough and deserve them as much
as Bill Lewis or Wilson or any body else but so
it is I am miserable at the thought of my hard
working against fate who seems determined to persecute
me to the last and may God forgive me for my
murmuring for human nature can bear no
more those tired to be patient but patience is
of no avail in this case for if I do good in
bleeping fellows and others do as much evil as
I do and they get plenty of whale these things
are part accounting for Latter part ditto

Lat 30.27 Long 183.55

Monday 6th all these 24 hours saw a brig cutting Lat 31.23 Long 183.40

Tuesday 7th Ditt Lat 31.07 Long 183.28

Wednesday 8th Spoke English Ship Ann 200 bbls. Lat 30.30 Long 184.00

Thursday 9th light throughout Lat 30.35 Long 184.00

Friday 10th

fore part light air from South at 2 saw a whale far off
to windward down and after him at 4 struck him
at 6 got him to the ship furlin all sail Latter
strong gale from S.E. with heavy swell employ heaving
saw a barque and a brig Lat 30.18 Long 183.50

Saturday March 11. 1837

Bad sea with heavy wind at 4 finished cutting out the last
Latter strong S.E. wind stood to E.N.W. boiling spoke the
Vineyard saw 4 sail Lat^d 29.58 Long^d 184.25

Sunday 12th

strong S.E. wind and heavy sea stood to E.N.E. Latter squally
stood to E.N.W. still boiling Lat^d 29.51 Long^d 185.30

Monday 13th

strong S.E. wind stood to East till 4 then wore to S.W. Latter cloudy
and squally from E.S.E. stood to S.W. Lat^d 30.17 Long^d 185.09

Tuesday 14th

strong E.S.E. gale and heavy sea from S.E. stood to South
Latter strong gale standing down after noon Lat^d 31.21 Long^d 184.35

Wednesday 15th

strong gale E.S.E. finished standing down. 73 bbls at 5 have too Latter
squally spoke W. Thompson 1600 Lat^d 31.54 Long^d 184.00

Thursday 16th

fine part fine weather stood S.W. at 5 saw a whale going quick to
N.E. Latter fresh wind at 9 saw a whale to windward chased
him and wiped him 6 dead Lat^d 30.49 Long^d 183.55

Friday 17th

fresh wind and cloudy from North at 6 saw a whale lower but
night came on before he rose have too 3 sail seen Latter calm
and flattering stood S.W. Lat^d 32.08 Long^d 183.30

Saturday 18th

fine part light breeze from S.E. at 1 saw whale struck
and killed one at 4 got him to the ship cut the head
off and cut in the body at 9 Latter strong gale and
very much from S.E. at 11 finished cutting Lat^d 31.55 Long^d 183.17

Sunday 19th

strong winds stood to S.W. boiling Latter increasing gale
from S.E. stood to S.W. boiling Lat^d 32.14 Long^d 182.40

Monday 20th

increasing gale stood to the Eastward with heavy swell from
East sent down fore & main tops. Lt yards weather looking
bad middle part rain finished boiling Latter calm put one oil between
decks Lat^d 32.05 Long^d 183.00

Tuesday March 21st 1837

Commences calm & flattering 2 sail in sight one boiling latter
Hawing down fore holt Lat^d 32-36 Long 183-10

Wednesday 22^d

Commences light and calm from NE latter calm finished
Hawing down fore holt saw a carcass Lat^d 32-20 Long 183-13

Thursday 23^d

calm with heavy swell from ENE latter 3^d Lat^d 32-31 Long 183-17

Friday 24^d

calm 2 sail in sight latter calm saw whales chased and
struck one slightly and drew Lat^d 32-32 Long 183-25

Saturday 25^d

fore part calm at 4 saw 4 whales down a. & struck one
at 8 got her along side 2 ships in sight boiling latter light
NE wind and heavy swell ENE cutting Lat^d 32-35 Long 183-30

Sunday 26^d

fore part fair wind at NE at 4 finished cutting saw 3 sail
latter thick weather stood by East wind NE spoke
W^m Wint 40^m 2600 Lat^d 33-00 Long 182-50

Monday 27^d

fore part moderate stood by East boiling latter wind at North
stood to NW finished boiling Lat^d 33-18 Long 183-20

Tuesday 28^d

fore part cloudy saw a sail in the North latter light wind
at South lower NE ship loopering Lat^d 33-41 Long 183-25

Wednesday 29^d

fore part ENE shifting births forward stern NE saw a ship
latter squally and rain put oil between decks Lat^d 32-47 Long 183-25

Thursday 30^d

fore part strong South wind stern West at 6 hours to latter calm
Hawing down fore holt saw the W^m Thompson Lat^d 32-30 Long 183-35

Friday 31^d

Commences calm and flattering at 5 finished stowing down
fore holt a bleached whale latter light wind from Western
NE saw nothing but one ship Lat^d 32-39

Long 183-50

Saturday April 1st 1837

fore part light winds & spoke W^m Charleson stood NNE
Latter heavy wind at South stood ESE under short sail Lat^d 32.17 Long^d 184.00

Sunday 2

Commence heavy wind and sea stood by SE Latter more moderate set
to sails stood by SE NE Lat^d 32.30 Long^d 184.40

Monday 3

Strong S E wind stood to SW saw W^m Thompson Latter calm
hears Lowell from South Lat^d 32.21 Long^d 184.13

Tuesday 4th

fore part wind at SE saw a Barque Latter moderate from E
stood to South saw nothing Lat^d 32.28 Long^d 183.50

Wednesday 5th

Commence Moderate and earnestly sighing and praying for
Whale and the latter part saw some struck one run sounded
parted the line and went off Lat^d 32.11 Long^d 183.50

Thursday 6th

chased Whale till night Latter light SW air stood to SE
the disappointment of not getting a whale yesterday & yesterday
morning so good a prospect such fine weather and to get nothing
is affecting in the extreme as we are poor a long time out
with hardly two thirds a load of oil but we are trying
to be resigned and trust in Providence it's all for the
best that it is so Lat^d 32.07 Long^d 183.50

Friday 7th

light air and looking hard and earnestly for Whales Latter fore
SW wind stood to SE No Whales Lat^d 32.45 Long^d 184.08

Saturday 8th

stood to West Latter light wind Lat^d 32.37 Long^d 183.40

Sunday 9th

light air mostly calm Latter breeze from E SE stood
to NE saw Blackfish No Whales Lat^d 32.32 Long^d 183.08

Monday 10th

fore part wind at East stood to S E but no Whales no
Whales seen and the air poor Latter strong ESE
wind and Rug^d stood to S B W saw a Ship steering
West Lat^d 32.42 Long^d 183.48

Thursday April 11th 1837

stood to ENE strong SE gales and ^{begin} latter strong
gales stood to SSW under short sail Lat 32.14 Long 183.47

Wednesday 12th

Begin little at 6 took in the foresail latter squally stood
to ENE under close reef Lat 32.22 Long 183.31

Thursday 13

commenced as above at 6 wore to SSW latter a little more
moderate and less little too Lat 32.76 Long 183.13
Lunar 183.19

Friday 14th

commenced high wind and heavy sea stood to NE latter
more moderate stood to SSW Lat 31.42 Long 183.37
Lunar 183.52

Saturday 15th

Nothing seen and our ship has increased her leak doubly
being 2 spills in 24 hours now and our bit seems to leak
latter Rain from NE stood to ESE Lat 32.33 Long 183.34

Sunday 16th

commenced rain NNE wind Sun. fairly thick latter rain
in heavy squalls from North here too Lat 32.58 Long 184.10

Monday 17th

heavy squalls wind and rain at 6 wind started to SW made
sail to NE latter light air Lat 32.19 Long 184.50

Tuesday 18th

light and baffling from SSW came NNE saw black fish latter
light air from SSW Lat 31.41 Long 185.30

Wednesday 19th

Small winds came North all sail No Whales or sea what
will become of us I am wore to the bone latter stood North
Saw a Back Boiling Lat 30.51 Long 185.50

Thursday 20th

you part stood North at 6 hove too the ground so lively with
Birds there is room for Whales and we need them how much
latter light south wind came NE Lat 30.09 Long 185.50

Friday 21st

Begin light air Nothing to be seen and 4 weeks since we got a
Whale O Lord how hard latter fresh wind from North
stood to NE Saw a Finback Lat 29.39 Long 186.08

Saturday April 22 1837

Begins fresh wind from North at 4 heavy squalls wind
and rain from WNW have too at 6 wind 1st W made
sail to NBE Latter strong WNW wind some squalls
Came North many fowls Lat 28.18 Long 186.40

Sunday 23

more moderate from SE Cause NWN are all lost
and is running out and we cannot get any more
to replace it things look very dark I am heart sick
Latter more moderate steady NWN a heavy swell
from South at 11 saw whale Lat 26.46 Long 186.24

Monday 24

moderate wind from SE at 4 struck and killed one
whale got him to the ship and cut till night. how
thankful I feel for this and all other blessings Latter
squally with heavy swell from South Employed cutting
Lat 26.30 Long 186.23

Tuesday 25

strong winds from ESE with a very heavy swell from
South at 2 finished cutting stood to the South began to boil
Latter fresh ESE wind stood to North Lat 26.45 Long 186.20

Wednesday 26

fresh ESE wind stood to North boiling middle part rainy
finished hailing latter heavy squalls wind and rain from
East at 9 hove too to the South Lat 26.00 Long 186.20

Thursday 27

continuous heavy squalls wind and rain from East to
NE lay by weather looking very bad Latter heavy wind
at ESE wore ship to NE some squalls cooped our oil
Lay by much sea Lat 26.45 Long 185.49

Friday 28

commences strong gales with a heavy sea from
ESE Lay by at 5 wore ship to South ship laboring
hard weather looks more broken Latter land gales and
heavy sea broken up fore hold and stowing down
Starboard Side Lat 26.51 Long 185.30

Saturday April 29th 1837

heavy E. B. S. gale lay by to Santa finished standing down
74 bl. L. L. heavy wind stood to SE Lat 27.34 Long 185.30

Sunday 30th

fore part gale and heavy sea from NE stood by SE B. C. L. L. L.
extreme heavy squalls wind and rain from NW and
W. W. with heavy swell from E. E. lay by Lat 28.07 Long 186.05

Monday May 1st

Commenced heavy squalls wind and rain from West to NW
stand NE B. S. at 5 have too L. L. L. heavy gale from SW
Lay by to West sent down fore and main top, 9 ft
and made a heavy sea Lat 27.29 Long 186.25

Tuesday 2nd

Commenced extreme heavy gale from SW a tremendous
sea with how squalls took in our boats ship labors
hard weather looking very bad don't know as we shall
have a typhoon hope not got as snug as we could before
night after night came on it rather a bated L. L. L.
strong wind with squalls from South kept off NW C
under close reef fore & main top sail with a swell with
a Parallel L. L. L. off Cape Horn Lat 26.42 Long 186.36

Wednesday 3rd

gales and squally unsettled weather at 5 have too to the
Eastward with heavy swell L. L. L. more moderate made
sail steer NW C Lat 25.29 Long 187.30

Thursday 4th

decreasing wind high swell steer North at 5 have too
L. L. L. moderate SE wind steer NW B. S. & employ
in repairing damages Lat 24.36 Long 187.42

Friday 5th

fore part heavy swell from South saw Whales got 2
at 4 to the ship began to cut and cut till night
at 8 parted from one Whale sent off 2 boats could
not find him squally L. L. L. moderate cut in our whale
made sail to the NW Sun Eclipsed when the moon Eclipse
had weather generally foggy but not so with an Eclipse
of the Sun Lat 24.23 Long 187.52

Saturday May 6th 1837

fore part squally wind from SE stood by the boiling
Latter finished with squally southerly wind Lat 24.31 Long 185.38

Sunday 7th

Close reef to sail trades from SE stood to SW a heavy
overgrown swell from South Latter wind and weather as
above stood to SW no chance to see anything Lat 24.47 Long 185.33

Monday 8th

heavy wind at SE a heavy swell if we had a whale could
not cut her at 8 wore to East Latter my steward and
dit in Larboard between decks Lat 24.17 Long 185.19

Tuesday 9th

rather more moderate from SE at 4 tacked to ENE I am
in hopes now to have some better weather and that
Providence will grant us some more Oil as I want
to get 300 bbls by July 1st and will try to be thankful
for all over blessings Latter more moderate stood to
SW mending sails Lat 24.09 Long 185.30

Wednesday 10th

fore part moderate weather from ENE in hopes to see whales
now Latter fine weather stood West Lat 24.16 Long 185.03

Thursday 11th

fine weather from ENE stood by the North but can see
nothing altho we are on the ground much praise and
we are poor and needy may the Lord grant us an increase
for I feel much disappointed Latter dark overcast gloomy
weather at 8 saw whales in the West run for them stood
and killed one had the head & one boat knock all
off to the bow thwart at 11 took the whale to the Ship.
No Oil sun not seen to day

Friday 12th

light winds all round with many squalls all round
us till night then finished sailing and stood to the
SE wind from East much rain during the night
Latter fine pleasant weather came from NW stood
to the SE sailing Lat 24.40 Long 185.00

Lat 185.26

Saturday May 13th 1837

fine pleasant weather stood to SE boisterous latter passing
squall from South stood to ESE boisterous and mending
Boat saw nothing Lat 24.30 Long 185.20

Sunday 14th

fine part squally from SE finished boisterous at 4 finished
latter fine wind and weather from ESE stood to South
spoke light 2350 Lat 24.30 Long 185.17

Monday 15th

commenced fine weather stood by SE latter strong
wind from North and squally saw a whale the
other ship got him we came on board stowed
down between decks Lat 29.59 Long 185.10

Tuesday 16th

fresh wind from NW and passing squalls at
6 shortened sail latter fine weather and very warm
steered NE saw nothing Lat 24.41 Long 185.20

Wednesday 17th

light South winds stood to ESE nothing seen and
we want a whale in our after hold very much
latter calm with squalls all round Lat 24.31 Long 185.35

Thursday 18th

calm no whale this good weather if it was a gale would
see some latter moderate from NW some squall
stood to SW saw nothing Lat 24.25 Long 185.40

Friday 19th

cloudy stood to SW one week since we got a whale
Oh how we want one but all in good time perhaps
latter strong wind from NW stood NW but
saw only the hump back Lat 25.02 Long 185.8

Saturday 20th

stood to NW strong NW wind and high swell at
6 have too weather looking very wild latter more
moderate steered NE dark gloomy weather
saw nothing Lat 24.27 Long 185.11

Sunday May 21st 1835

fresh South wind high swell and dark weather stood
to wait saw nothing moon full today and we did
expect to get a whale this full but can see none
I am much cast down for want of some
latter light air from S.E. and a swell as high as
the Under steer North Lat^t 24.15 Long 185.41

Monday 22nd

light and baffling rolling and tumbling see no whales
and pumping out oil for our oil leaks and my
mind is much cast down we must go somewhere
soon to Cooper and the ground looks very barren
and the prospect dark especially when we see no
whales at the full moon but Providence will order
all things for the best air only necessary is to be
patient and resigned to its will Latter dark and
gloomy weather ditto prospect Lat^t 24.10 Long 185.00

Tuesday 23rd

can see no pump much oil I am heart sick can
see only finbacks Latter ditto Lat^t 24.51 Long 184.30

Wednesday 24th

fore part ditto Latter ditto saw a big steering Sh Lat^t 24.30 Long 184.40

Thursday 25th

fore part ditto Latter 11 o'clock Lat^t 24.35 Long 184.45

Friday 26th

fore part much rain wind from N.E. still pumping
oil heart sick Latter fresh wind from West steer
East E much rain to Ob Lat^t 24.20 Long 185.30

Saturday 27th

much rain steer E.N.E. our oil leaks much
and we must go somewhere to Cooper it
Latter 2 o'clock sailing at 12 o'clock Lat^t 24.25 Long 185.40

Sunday 28th

fore part calm Latter light Sh steer
East saw many finbacks steer East at 12 o'clock
sail bound for Tahiti to Cooper our oil
Lat^t 24.44 Long 187.00

Lunar 189.20. Monday May 29th 1837
four part light air. Latter Calm. Lat 24.43 Long 187.55

Tuesday 30th
four part calm with fresh breeze same broke in hope
latter calm abate Lat 24.13 Long 188.32

Wednesday 31st
stood to South latter calm Lat 24.11 Long 188.30
Thursday June 1st

Calm latter 8th Lat 24.55 Long 188.30
Friday 2nd

this is mean killing. Lat 8th Lat 25.19 Long 188.46
Saturday 3rd

four part calm latter light NW wind Lat 25.45 Long 189.40
Sunday 4th

Nearly calm. One Oil leaking and fire hatch for a
part and nearly calm for 7 days a period much
too long to try my patience which has been very
severely tested this voyage - but if Bill Swain
or any other of fortune's favorites were here
what fine winds they would have us were
not of that clasp we are sorely tried with all
hindrances may it however prove for the best
latter calm Lat 25.52 Long 190.50

Monday 5th
begin. Calm as it has for a week I can only hope for
better latter moderate NNE wind. Course by
East all sail Lat 26.24 Long 192.00

Tuesday 6th
light wind and passing squalls from North
course ENE latter fine breeze from North
abst all sail Lat 26.28 Long 193.38

Wednesday 7th
squally flatness with rain from NW
course ENE steady rain and calm
all night latter rain and good wind at NW
stand ENE all sail Lat 26.20 Long 195.10

Thursday June 8th 1836

light winds and variable from WSW to NW
low E 1/2 N latter wind at South Lat 26.15 by 197.00

Lunar 199.51 - Ch. 199.16 - Friday 9th

fresh from South till 6 then shifted to S & latter strong
wind SE came by E 1/2 E Lat 26.06 Long 199.00

Saturday 10th

strong SE wind came by NE 1/2 E latter wind from E 1/2 E
tackled to SE heavy head sea Lat 25.23 Long 199.20

Sunday 11th

calm for 5 days light winds & more and now a gale directly
ahead verily if patience makes saints or trials make
them we are in a fair way of earning that honor
latter strong North Gale came East Lat 26.00 Long 201.00

Monday 12th

gale from North squalls wind and rain bad sea came East
latter fine wind and weather at North Lat 26.04 Long 203.48

Tuesday 13th

fresh wind from West came E 1/2 N latter part strong gale
from West with heavy sea came E 1/2 N close reef sail
some squalls Lat 25.54 Long 206.12 E

Wednesday 14th

heavy W 1/2 S Gale with bad sea came E 1/2 N Lunar at 3.40
PM 206.56 - by 1/2 at same time 206.42 - saw blackfish latter
more moderate up to top of 1/2 S 1/2 W Lat 25.31 Long 209.00

Thursday 15th

commenced a lovely breeze from S 1/2 W came E 1/2 N all
but Long 209.25 by 1/2 209.18 E latter
light wind at S 1/2 W came NE 1/2 E Lat 25.06 Long 200.48

Friday 16th

light winds from S 1/2 W came NE 1/2 E latter light air at
6 made high land bearing NW 1/2 W 20 miles finding
we could not weather kept off NW 1/2 N to go round it but
the wind so baffling and variable could do but
little and a bad swell bearing right on shore
so ends calm Lat 24.46 Long 148.41
The Lat of this is by book 24.45 Long 148.03.

Saturday June 17th 1831
moderate and buffing till 7 PM strong NE
wind came by NW at which time she did
more East tacks which would make the Lat
of it 23.54 Not 23.42 as laid down in Bowditch
After strong NE wind came by NW all
Sail Out Lat 23.40 Long 210.06 by bar

Sunday 18th
Strong NE wind at 4 tacked to ENE wind North
Latter light air from North Lat 22.12 Long 211.25
Monday 19th

fresh NE wind stood to NW latter wind from NW
tacked to NE so we go in the SE trade Lat 21.33 Long 211.01
Tuesday 20th

wind still at NW in the SE trade stood to NE middle
squall wind and rain from SSE latter fine wind at
South lower NW Lat 20.42 Long 211.00

Wednesday 21st
fresh SSE wind came NBE all sail latter strong
SE wind stood NW at 10 saw Maitea Is. bearing
NW hauled up for it Lat 18.13 Long Ch 149.00 21.00

Thursday 22nd
fore part strong wind stood NW at 5 Maitea was
NW when our Log by bar was 149.28 - the Log
of this Isd is 148.86 making our Ch 72 miles too
far West that is the Ship is 72 miles East of the
place indicated by the Ch - latter part strong
wind at 8 saw Otahiti at 12 up with Point Venus

Friday 23rd
Ran into town more and come too latter joined down to the harbor

Saturday 24th
began to leave latter 8th

Sailed Victory Sunday 25th
still leaving latter keeping Sunday around Maitea 1300

Monday 26th
fore part keeping Sunday latter part still leaving

Tuesday June 27th 1837

fore part fine weather latter fine weather still cooeping

Wednesday 28th

fore part fine weather latter do began fore part

Thursday 29th

fore part Euphoy cooeping latter ditto

Friday 30th

fore part fine weather still cooeping latter ditto

Saturday July 1st

fore part finished fore half began aft latter ditto

Sunday 2nd

fore part cooeping latter keeping Sunday

Monday 3rd

fore part keeping Sunday latter still cooeping

Tuesday 4th

fore part cooeping latter finished lower hold

Wednesday 5th

fore part sent provisions shore latter cooeping

Thursday 6th

fore part finished cooeping all latter finished

Friday 7th

got off Raft Water latter part paying bends and painting As Japan 22.00

Saturday 8th

fore part painting Ship latter ditto Watch by shore in liberty

Sunday 9th

fore part still lying at anchor latter do

Monday 10th

fore part crew on Shore latter part paying bends

Tuesday 11th

fore part arrived American latter part getting water

Wednesday 12th

fore part showing down Wood & Water latter calm and

continued till latter part of Tuesday 18th We come out

Wednesday 19th

light winds stood by at Enabore S.W. & dist 20 miles

Latter light air at North stood to West Lat 17.09 Long 150.51

Si. Charles Saunders. Latitude is Lat 17.44

Thursday July 20 1837

fore part wind from West stood to South at 6 Emma
bore East Thachine NW Si. Charles Saunders
isle SW kept beating 3 hour tacks during the
night latter strong SW wind and heavy swell
at 9 Emma bore ESE Si. Saunders NW & equal
distance tacked to NW NW Lat 17.32 Long 150.38 N

Friday 21

beating with a strong NE current making 14 miles
Easting in 24 hours middle part tacking to port
latter light South wind stood to NW heavy swell
Saunders bearing South Lat 17.22 Long 150.48

Saturday 22

light air and calm from SSE at 6 P.M. Sea bore SE
Thachine NW & Ulietea NW NW slow progress
for want of a trade 14 days latter calm
Lat 17.33 Long 151.02

Sunday 23

fore part calm my heart is broke at 6 Saunders
bore SE Thachine NW & Ulietea NW & W Ely
old ship latter calm Lat 17.22 Long 151.02

Monday 24

Calm till 6 then a breeze from SSE with
rain came by SW latter strong SE wind and
heavy head sea came by SW Lat 18.01 Long 152.29

Tuesday 25

fresh SE wind came from sea Boobies latter strong
wind at SE came SW Lat 19.01 Long 153.154 154 154
Long by Ch at 8 AM 153.54 by Lunar 153.11

Wednesday 26

fore part fresh ESE wind came West all sail
latter same saw nothing Lat 18.43 Long 156.27 156.00

Thursday 27

fore part strong West latter light ESE wind stood
NW & nothing seen Lat 18.42 Long 158.20 N

Friday 28

light air at ESE latter 2nd came NW Lat 18.57
Long by Ch at 9 AM 159.01 by Sextant 158.30 N

Saturday July 29th 1837

fine point light ENE wind came from at 1 hour
Thervey's Pt (discovered by Capt Cook in 1773) bearing
SW distant 20 miles it shows in 2 hills at East
and West Ends many coconut trees on it
Latter saw Whytebaker bearing WSW stood for it
Spoke the Victory at 12 land 12 miles off

Sunday 30

fine point light wind now down off the landing and
hauling off Latter strong wind at ESE stood off
House to land being Sunday Lat 18.44 Long 164.50

Monday 31st

fresh wind stood off and on Latter strong winds went
on shore things in such confusion. I only got 200
yams come on board but a few out of some larger
I curse the place and leave it

Tuesday August 1st

stood West Good Bay Whytebaker and Good Bay W
Latter strong wind Lat 18.19 Long 166.45

Wednesday 2nd

stood West heavy swell from East we are clear of Jack Mary
Latter ditto the humpbacks Lat 18.15 Long 162.30

Thursday 3rd

cloudy dark weather stood West Latter strong wind at 10
saw Palmerston's Pt bearing SW 15 miles stood
West this is 6 or 8 miles long from SE to NW some
trees low land and the North End in Lat 18.00 Long 163.10

Friday 4th

the wind is still 10 miles too far West
smoky haze weather at 4 the gauge 163.42 ten miles too
far West Latter squally Lat 17.19 Long 164.21

Saturday 5th

steering NW nothing seen and we are poor and
I am heart sick no whales can we see and don't
know which way to head for them Latter moderate
NE wind No whales seen Lat 16.58 Long 164.55

Lat 17.25 Long 166.00

Sunday 6th

beginning to see whales but with plenty and we killing

Monday August 7th 1837
Squally killed many Whales got 6 and at 5 got
them all to the ship. rained and squally at
night and at daylight a gale from SE with
heavy sea lost one whale from along side cut
in one and lay by No. 10

Tuesday 8th
at 2 rather more moderate which rain
cut in another whale. Latter more moderate
but heavy swell lost in three Whales after tearing
out 40 times. I never saw seals cutting in
my life. We are all beat but Lat 17.12

Wednesday 9th
much rain at 6 got the heads bailed and over
board and began to hail. rained most all
night. Latter better stead SE Lat 17.08 Long 164.40

Thursday 10th
light air, wind calm at 11 SE steered SE
Latter finished boiling. fine weather Lat 17.00 Long 164.36

Friday 11th
Squalls of rain from SE stood to North fin back
165.09 Latter very strong trades Lat 17.25 Long 164.38

Saturday 12th
heavy trades stood to North Latter heavy wind and
165.01 heavy squalls standing down Lat 17.24 Long 164.47

Sunday 13th
fore part finished standing down 76 blbl Latter more
moderate stood to SE but No. Whales Lat 17.03 Long 164.37

Monday 14th
more moderate nothing seen. Latter head SW 128
nothing to be seen Lat 17.15 Long 165.00

Tuesday 15th
Heavy No. Whales Latter fresh East wind stood
SW nothing seen it is bad to go so long without
seeing Whales. We are very poor. We want 700 blbl
of oil yet and a dull prospect Lat 18.26
Long 165.34

Wednesday Aug 16th 1837

Stood to S.W. see nothing latter fine weather but
No Whales came to the surface Lat 48.27 Long 166.50

Thursday 17th

No Whales seen till 10 came to the surface Lat 48.48 Long 168.00

Friday 18th

Very faint squally No Whales at 5 had to latter
squally at 10. Lat 49.31 Long 169.30

Saturday 19th

Strong squally weather hauled up at 11 with 6
hauled too the wind latter commenced a
very heavy tempest in morning and evening
heavy lightning and thunder till 12 then
calm Lat about 50.45 Long 170.17

Sunday 20th

Calms till 1 then wind at S.E. about 10. Lat
latter 51.00 Long 171.10

Monday 21st

Very faint squally till 10 then at 11 squally and then
squally till 12 came from S.W. with S.E. thus
differing from every other part of the world
then rain in middle rain all night and
all the forenoon without intermission

No Whales Lat 51.31

Tuesday 22nd

Heavy rain and squalls all noon till 4
then calm and rain falling but looks
very cold latter calm Lat 51.59 Long 172.00

Wednesday 23rd

Calms till 2 then light wind at North it seems very
hard we can't have wind weather No Whales
seen it is the ordering of providence it is
wrong and wicked to persecute at it and I
will try to be patient on these trials at 6
fine rain latter strong westerly wind and rain

Stood to S.W. Nothing seen Lat 52.13

Long 171.04

Thursday Aug 24. 1837

four part strong West wind rising and gloomy
looking weather stood to S. B. W. Latter stood to
W. N. W. weather the same with a heavy swell
from SW saw hump backs at 10. Latter No Log

Friday 25th

light flattening South wind heavy swell and
dark overcast weather have shot all the sun
rise or set for 6 days I am beat out no chance
to see Whales this weather we seem to be beset
with all bad things my patience is worn out
may God forgive me for repining Latter the
same No Sun No Weather No Latter No Log

Saturday 26th

ditto saw a sail in the S. B. E. Latter fine weather
saw blue sky the first time this week. spoke
Hobomack 300 lbs. Latter 23.04 Log 172.24

Sunday 27th

more moderate from S. E. stood to S. W. Latter strong
wind stood to S. W. saw nothing Latter 23.31 Log 173.20

Monday 28th

fresh S. E. wind stood to S. W. Latter strong gale from
E. S. E. stood to S. B. W. clear up Latter 24.09 Log 175.9

Tuesday 29th

heavy gale and sea from E. S. E. stood by S. B. W. under
main topsails and fore sail Latter more moderate
set topsails to N. N. E. Latter 24.33 Log 175.28

Wednesday 30th

four part strong East Gale stood to N. B. E. Latter
trav if possible and I am worn out with
Gales of wind rain and every thing to make
against us that is possible to keep us from
getting a voyage and returning home we
have not seen a Whale for nearly 4 weeks
and we are poor and I am nearly broken
hearted at this don't seem to mind it any
Latter 24.44 Log 175.22

Thursday August 31. 1837
heavy gales at 6 more to SE Latter do gale from
North and NNE stood by Light Lat^d 25.08 Long^d 174.30
Friday Sept 1. 1837

four part Gale North middle much rain Latter light
NNE wind thick Raining Lat^d 25.02 Long^d 175.15
Saturday 2

light Northwesterly wind raining spoke Unchas 1400 bells
Latter do Wind Weather and Whales Lat^d 24.29 Long^d 174.50
Sunday 3

Do No Whales middle part a gale from North Rain & lightning
Latter thick weather wind South Lat^d 24.12 Long^d 173.33
Monday 4

heavy 4 weeks no Whales seen calm all night Latter light
NW wind nothing seen Lat^d 24.05 Long^d 173.30
Tuesday 5

No Whales No Whales Lat^d 23.39 Long^d 173.50
Long^d ~~173.49~~ 173.49
Wednesday 6

Do Latter Calm No Whales Lat^d 23.27 Long^d 174.00
Thursday 7

As Usual Latter ditto Lat^d 23.26 Long^d 174.36
Friday 8

Wind from SSE come to East Latter NW wind Raining
spoke Victory No Oil since seen before - his Long^d 173.40
We cant get a lunar here but once a month for tis
always thick cloudy gloomy weather. No Oil Lat^d 23.40 Long^d 175.00
Saturday 9

begins rainy & E wind rained heavy all night Latter calm with
fine rain Saw Hump backs No Oil Lat^d 23.30 Long^d 174.30
Sunday 10

Commences with squalls of wind and rain from SE
stood East at 6 light Latter moderate from ESE stood to
South Lat^d 24.12 Long^d 173.42 - and Lunar 173.30
Monday 11

Wind at East stood South 5 Weeks since seeing Whales
Be patient Samuel Latter fine weather see hump backs
Lat^d 24.59 Long^d 173.42

Thursday Sept: 12th 1837

Commenced to whale Latter fine weather
spoke Corinthian B I 50 bbls Lat 25.04

Wednesday 13th

stood by West saw a Barge Latter ditto 11.11
stood to South saw nothing Lat 24.40 Long 174.10

Thursday 14th

Strong S.W. wind no whales Latter fresh South
wind no whales Lat 25.12 Long 173.40

Friday 15th

South wind tacked to S.W. Latter ditto Lat 25.59 Long 174.20

Saturday 16th

Ditto Latter hard gale from S.E. stood by to East
under short sail heavy sea Lat 25.35 Long 173.55

Sunday 17th

Begins heavy wind at S.E. at 3 o'clock ship to S.W. weather
looking hard Latter more moderate Lat 25.55 Long 174.25

Monday 18th

light baffling E.S.E. wind course to South Bound for
Right Whales May providence Grant us good
Success Middle Latter Latter Wind N.W. Lat 26.34 Long 174.09

Tuesday 19th

fresh N.W. wind course S.W. saw many finback Latter
light S.W. wind course by S.E. Lat 28.07 Long 174.00

Wednesday 20th

Lunar 173.24 light N.W. wind course to South Latter strong wind
from West course S.W. squally Lat 29.36 Long 174.24

Thursday 21st

Lunar 173.15 Commenced squally from S.W. course S.E. Latter
Latter saw finback Lat 29.46 Long 174.30

Friday 22nd

Latter Latter nearly so Lat 30.00 Long 174.55

Saturday 23rd

light baffling S.E. and South wind We paddled along
by inches Latter Ditto Ditto Ditto
Ditto Ditto Ditto HEADWIND
Lunar 173.48 Lat 30.10 Long 174.42

the longitudes are by the arc and are one degree too far west of the true long

Sunday Monday Sept 24th 1837

Continues head Wind latter better prospect wind from
SE to ESE flattering Lat 30-47 Long 175.30 - Lunon 174.33

Monday Tuesday 25th

fine Wind from ESE to SE Baffling and head swell
Down by South to SSW latter fine Weather at 9 saw
a Right Whale chased him - Lat 31-47 Long 176.00

Tuesday Wednesday 26th

fore part saw 3 Whales struck and killed one at 6 but
him in began boiling latter fine weather wind at East
chased many Whales very ship Lat 32.20 Long 176.06

Wednesday Thursday 27th

fresh ENE wind killed and sunk one Whale got a boat
stove many Whales but shy latter cloudy chased
several Whales could not get to them Lat 32.15 Long 176.21

Thursday Friday 28th

light NNE wind thick weather chased one shy Whale
latter fine weather at 7 saw 2 Whales got them both
at 12 finished cutting one Lat 32.20 Long 176.16

Friday Saturday 29th

fore part fine Weather cut in one Whale and stowed
down 60 bbls in fore hold by 10 at night latter
Moderate NE wind boiling saw nothing Lat 32-42 Long 176.16

Saturday Sunday 30th

Wind NE stood to NW boiling at 6 saw a Whale far off
latter fine weather No whale boiling Lat 32.22 Long 176.17

Sunday Monday Oct 1st

Wind NNE moderate saw a Whale far off saw much
yellow Knitt still boiling stood to East middle rainy
latter finished boiling at 6 saw another Whale struck
and killed him got him to the ship at 12. No Obs.

Monday Tuesday 2nd

Wind at S E at 8 finished cutting stowed down fore
hold till 11 at night latter fine weather from SE
closed the fore hatchway and broke up after hold
to stow down began to sail Lat 32.23 Long 176.00

Tuesday Oct 3 1837

Squally land a wild whale finished stowing down
continued boiling headed to E & S Middle part Rain
lightning with heavy wind put out the fire Latter
wind shifted suddenly to West and blew heavy sand
many whales employed Mending Boat Lat 32.45 Long 175.40

Wednesday Oct 4

heavy wind and sea lay by Employ scraping bone
Lampoon bad cannot boil without our foresail set
Latter more moderate let the works going saw several
whales too busy to lower Lat 32.54 Long 175.18

Thursday Oct 5

saw and chased 2 whales very busy with at 11.30 at 7
finished boiling Latter heavy SW wind stowing down
between decks saw finbacks Lat 32.44 Long 175.14

Friday Oct 6

fore part strong SW wind squally and heavy sea chased 2
whales but too shy to catch headed to the SE Latter
heavy SW gale making dark Lat 33.21 Long 174.5

Saturday Oct 7

Strong SW gale stood to SE hope to smother down Latter
more moderate saw 2 whales killed them both one
sunk got the other to the ship at 2 PM Lat 33.30

Sunday Oct 8

fore part moderate but heavy swell at 8 finished cutting
saw many whales Latter light wind some squalls fine
rain at 10 saw many whales struck and killed 3 to 4
(Lat 33.30)

Monday Oct 9

fore part fine weather at 4 got all the whales to the
ship at 7 finished cutting one began to boil Latter fine
wind and weather from E & S cutting Lat Sup 33.20

Tuesday Oct 10

fore part fine wind and weather from south at 4 finished
cutting some pieces landed on deck began to boil
keels completely full of blubber and whales in
sight we wish good weather to continue Latter fine
weather boiling and setting up bladders

Lat 33.12 Long 174.52

Wednesday Oct 11th 1836

fore part moderate SW wind stood to SE boiling
Latter fresh West wind still boiling Lat 32.57 Long 174.37

Thursday 12th

commenced fresh West wind put down 50 bbls Oil on side
Kilbuck Room stood to South boiling Latter more moderate
saw one Whale all hands boiling and making Casks

Lat 33.25 Long 174.30

Friday 13th

continuous moderate at SW stood to South boiling saw
finbacks Latter strong SW wind squally and heavy
finished boiling began stowing between deck Lat 33.47 Long 174.15

Saturday 14th

fresh SW wind finished stowing between fore and main
hatchway and have 80 bbls left on deck Latter strong
wind stowing down after hold at 10 toward the boats and
took a Whale along side saw many more Lat 33.33 Long 174.00

Sunday 15th

strong SW gales squally and high sea stowed off the after hold
and put the remainder between decks we are full in the
lower hold Excepting the crew Latter strong wind wore
Ship attempted to cut found it impossible wore back
again and all hands setting up pipes Lat 33.27 Long 173.29

Monday 16th

light SW wind but heavy swell Ship rolling gunnel in
all hands holding up Casks for the cooper to flag
them and fit them takes 2 men to hold ones hair on
his head saw several Whales very much at hand
Latter calm got the Ship before the swell and cut in
the Whale at 10 - Lat 33.15 Long 173.10

Tuesday 17th

moderate NW wind stood to SW boiling saw finbacks
a heavy SW swell Latter finished boiling Lat 33.30 Long 173.20

Wednesday 18th

Saw Whales struck had a boat stove lost the Whale killed the
other and she sunk When Latter Calm chased 2 Whales
struck one slightly Lat 33.35 Long 173.10

Thursday Oct 19th 1837

fore part Calm. stowed down after between decks we
want 6 more Whales below deck at 6 Saw one Whale
Latter Calm at daylight a Whale Routed the ship
down. boats and got him along side at 8 and
began cutting heavy swell from SW Lat 33.30 Long 172.50

Friday 20th

at 2 finished cutting and commenced boiling fresh
NW wind cloudy with tremendous swell from SW
Latter strong rising NW wind stood to SW boiling saw
2 Whales too Ruff to lower Lat 33.50 Long 173.00

Saturday 21st

strong NW wind and raining finished boiling hove
to saw many finbacks and Britt we want 5 more
Whales have now 2300 bbls Latter strong south gale stood
down between decks aft Starboard Side Lat 33.35 Long 173.02

Sunday 22nd

Strong S E gale heavy sea stood to. Under short sail
saw 1 Whale Latter ditto stood to SE too ruff for
Whaling we keep Sunday Lat 34.05 Long 173.20

Monday 23rd

Dark gloomy weather wind at East see no Whales hope to
soon as we wish and pray for 5 more as soon as possible
Latter strong NE wind stood to SE saw one Whale going
Quick to windward the Whales appear to have left
this ground and we must too Lat 34.24 Long 173.25

Tuesday 24th

stood to NW with dark NE wind no Whales Latter ditto
Saw a Whale going Quick to windward No Lat 33.36 Long 174.15

Wednesday 25th

Commenced thick dark strong NE gale and very Ruff
mended Stoven Boat at 8 was to E under short
sail the prospect looks very dark at present for us
to get what more we want but I trust in the Lord
all in good time middle part much rain Latter
wind started to East at 7 hove too so Ends No weather
for Whaling Lat 33.40 Long 174.20

Thursday Oct 26th 1837

Strong S.E. wind dark cloudy weather and heavy N.E. swell all things looking bad lay by to the South No Run and as for sunset it is seldom seen on this coast Latter more moderate from South to S.W. stood to S.E. Lat 34.00 Long 174.29

Friday 27th

Commenced fresh S.W. wind with a horrible swell from N.E. saw 5 Whales but too bad to lower as we could not cut one and should only drift away we earnestly hope better weather tomorrow and pray to get 2 Latter fine weather from South saw many finbacks and one right Whale going Quik to N.E. Lat 34.09 Long 174.13

Saturday 28th

Fore part fine weather from S.W. at 5 saw one Whale killed him at 7 got him to the ship our leak increases Latter moderate from S.E. but in our Whale and stood to the Eastward saw one whale Lat 34.4 Long 173.30

Sunday 29th

Commenced moderate winds boiling at 4 saw 2 Whales killed one and she sunk dead Latter light East wind stood to S.E. saw 2 Whales far off Lat 34.2 Long 173.20

Monday 30th

Fore part light N.E. wind at 2 saw 2 Whales killed one she sunk at 5 saw 2 more killed one at 6 got her along side had one man hurt and a boat stove along side the ship foolishly Latter light winds at 7 finished cutting began Whaling Lat 34.03 Long 173.40

Tuesday 31st

Fore part light air from North at 4 lowered and took a large Whale to the ship Latter cloudy but in our Whale began boiling Went 3 more Whales Lat 34.13 Long 174.03

Wednesday Nov 1st

light winds employ boiling and making Casks saw several Whales Latter fresh N.E. wind stood to N.W. boiling and stowing down in the cove setting up Sheet & C Lat 34.21 Long 174.00

Thursday Nov^r 2^d 1837

Four part fresh NNE wind and Rug at 5 took another
Whale along side too late to cut so we stowed down
the fore hold between decks and boiling Latter strong
North wind Quite dry Cut in our Whale and commenced
boiling saw many more but we are so much
employ did not lower We want only one more
to fill us full Lat^d 34.34 Long 174.15

Friday 3^d

Strong North wind stood to ENE & boiling saw
several Whales and vast Quantities of Red Britt
Latter Rug North wind and cloudy stood to ENE
boiling saw finbacks Lat^d 34.50 Long 174.10

Saturday 4th

fresh wind and Rug stood to ENE saw many
Whales employ boiling put down 50 bbls in the
blubber room Latter cloudy NNE wind finished
boiling chased 2 wild Whales Lat^d 34.45 Long 174.03

Sunday 5th

four part fresh North wind and cloudy stood to East
chased one Whale Stowed off our blubber room had
2 pipes left on deck we have now 2500 and are
full excepting about 40 bbls in the storage for
which we want one more Whale and hope kind
Providence will grant it to us tomorrow
Latter Strong gale from NNW headed to West saw many
Whales several red Britt Lat^d 35.00 Long 174.20

Monday Nov^r 6th

lay by to East much rain at 4 wind started to SW
Latter Calming & swell at 6 saw Whales killed 3
sunk one at 12 took 2 to the ship Lat^d 34.55 Long 174.07

Tuesday 7th

Wind at NNW cut in one Whale on deck and began
boiling Lay by to the SW Latter heavy swell from SW light
wind from NNW cut in our Whale and bore ship
to the North being now full and bound to Bay of
Islands Lat^d 34.57 Long 173.52 Lunar 173.10

Wednesday Nov^r 8th 1837

light NW wind stood to North boiling - it now remains
for us to be thankful to Providence which has crowned
our Endeavors with Success and enabled us to fill
our ship at last Latter Strong NW wind came by
NBE boiling and making Cask Lat^d 34.11 Long^d 173.30
Long Lunar 173.31

Thursday 9th

four part fresh NW wind standing North. At 6 put out the
fire for want of Casks. Latter more moderate stow
down 45 bbls in the Storage Spoke Ganges Bristol
1300 bbls 500 of which is Spun Lat^d 33.11 Long^d 173.00

Friday 10th

fresh NW wind tacked to SW began boiling saw
Right Whale. Latter Strong NW gale took in four
O mizen topsails finished boiling have the try works
over board filled up main hatchway got 80 bbls left
on deck 20 for the Run Lat^d 32.50 Long^d 173.00

Saturday 11th

Squally at 4 the wind started to SW set close reefs
then NW bound to Bay of Islands. Latter light
SE wind high swell closed the run and Blubber
rooms with Oil and have left on deck 8 pipes 1 large
Cask 1 one 50. one bbl and 2 long Pipes in all about
50 bbls and 5 heads ^{of bone} Lat^d 32.01 Long^d 173.47

Sunday 12th

four part calm with heavy SW swell put our pots and
boiler in fore hold and cleaning and making snug
Latter on 10 at 9 light NW wind stood to SW stowing
Spars building sail pen Lat^d 32.01 Long^d 173.49

Monday 13th

light NW wind stood to SW all hands busy employ
Latter wind NW stood by NW Lat^d 32.30 Long^d 174.50

Tuesday 14th

light NW wind inclining to calm stood to NW finished
scraping our bone and put it below Latter fine wind
from NW Steaming NW all sail employ cleaning
Ship etc. Lat^d 32.29 Long^d 176.12

Wednesday Nov^r 15th 1837

fine Wind and weather from North Course
W.B.S. set studdail Latter moderate & E wind
and Gary weather course W.B. sent up fore and
mizen top. Let masts and yards and main Royal
Mast to Ender. Lat^d 32.30 Long^d 177.49 Ch^d

Thursday 16th

fresh NE wind Cloudy weather latter with bent new
mainsail & jib middle squally took in sail at 3
hove too Latter heavy gale and main from North
Lay by to the ENE Lat^d 33.21 Long^d 178.49 Ch^d

Friday 17th

Commences strong gale from North till 5 then
suddenly shifts to SW blew very heavy with
heavy swell from North Brake all over the ship
leaving her to Labor hard we sent down main top
gall and struck main Royal mast at 7 more moderate
middle and latter parts continue heavy SW gale high
Sea lay by ship laboring hard Lat^d 33.03 Long^d 178.49 Ch^d

Saturday 18th

heavy squall wind and rain at 4 started to South
set foresail and close reef Main top sail heavy sea
Latter light winds Employ bending new sails fore
and aft old ones much Brake Lat^d 32.54 Long^d 179.46 W

Sunday 19th

fore part calm Employ successfully and variously Latter
moderate W.B.S. wind stood to S.W. all sail out Lat^d 33.08
Long^d by Ch^d 180.04 W by Lunar same time 178.29 W
which makes our Ch^d 95 miles too far West

Monday 20th

Lunar at fresh head wind at West course by W.B. at 5 squally
sometimes Latter heavy rain and wind from NW till 7 then changed to
179.20 W SE blew heavy with bad sea course NW Lat^d 33.51 Long^d Ch^d 180.57

Tuesday 21st

decreasing wind and started to S.W. course by West at 6 & calm at 11.27
wind from NW Latter strong NW gales and rainy
at 12 took in fore top sail Lat^d 34.40 Long^d Ch^d 177.17 E

Wednesday Nov 22 1837

increasing gale from NW at 5 hove too to the NNE heavy squalls
wind and rain in short a bad time. we sent down top of
y^d had I expected such weather they should not gone up
but we learn as we grow older Latter rather more moder-
ate with rain stood to Stander close reef at 12
wind started to SW Lat 34.50 Long 177.34 E

Thursday 23

fresh SW wind and heavy sea from NW don't go an inch
I never expected such weather or I would have steered
East but whenever we start to go any where we are
twice as long as any other ship and generally
have 3 days head wind calms or gales to our fair
this has been the fate of this ship for six years
that I have been in her and I verily believe was
we bound East the wind would come there before
Sun 4 hours had elapsed and I am worn out with
Latter trial

Latter heavy NNE gale
at 7 hove too for comfort Lat 33.55 Long 178.16 E

Friday 24

Continues heavy West. and NNE gale with a heavy sea and
squalls everything uncomfortable but our ship makes but
little water she loaded deep with 50 bbls on deck besides
Rugs and many other things at 7 the sun set in heavy
clouds and the heavens all round seemed very unpleasant
Excepting a faint of a rainbow what tomorrow brings
forth I know not Can only wish and pray for better
Sun 179.31 E We have plenty to eat and 60 days water on board at free
use and may reach our port ere that time with Gods
good blessing Latter heavy head gale Lat 33.46 Long 178.17 E
pipes in the topsen decks loose and lost 2 pipes
oil for want of shifting boards

Saturday 25

ditto and laying hove too Latter hard SW gale heavy sea carried
Reef/loosed bringing our ship all up Lat 33.19 Long 178.10 E

Sunday 26

another day of sorrow and care commences with hard SW gale stood to
NW & fell main sail Latter wind at SW and thanks to Providence
more moderate made sail Lat 32.36 Long 177.25
Redoubled at Noon

Monday Nov 27th 1837

fresh SSW wind. Swell decreasing gradually as the weather grows better stood by Westall sail out middle beam latter calm. Blandy till then SSW trades again. We get along inch to time Lat 32.10 Long 175.26

Tuesday 28

begins SSW trades as usual stood to West latter calm till 10 then wind at WWS. this day the moon changed we have cruised in this vicinity 11 moon changes and the wind was always round from North to East except this and we looked to this change at this time in the confidence but unfortunately we are disappointed may the Lord grant me to be persevered to his holy will - after this any remarks on wind on N Zealand are entirely superfluous - Lat 32.04 Long 175.00 E

Wednesday 29

wind West stood to SSW at 6 weather looked very wild in the West latter SSW wind came to SE & fell still Lat 33.12 Long 175.29 E

Thursday 30

wind at SW pleasant at 4 wind WWS & came by all sail at 11 my Dream - wind S again latter little Lat 33.47 Long 175.10 E

Friday Dec 1

four part D^o middle part fine WWS wind headed in to SWS latter light WWS wind and pleasant come by WWS. All sail out Lat 34.33 Long 174.26 Lunar 175.21

mean of 3 distances

Saturday 2

stood to North till 2 tacked to SW at 5 wind at SW W lower WWS weather looking very unsettled continued so during the night in the morning pleasant stood WSW thick clouds ahead till 10 then lighted up saw point Pocock bearing SSW Cape Mutt South light air from North Lat 34.41

Sunday 3

at 2 PM the weather did not look right headed off EWS Cape Mutt bearing South at night weather looking Bad shortened sail this is a bad time at 11 squalls wind and rain double reef at 2 blew heavy took

main sail and jib at 2 in fore top sail latter rainy till
10 the wind at NW cleared off made sail in to WBS
heavy sea thus by a train of adverse circumstances we
have misfired getting to our port to day for had we
healed to WSW instead of ESE this would have been
a fair wind and our port under the lee but the weather
last night was risquy to be near land with an onshore
wind I will now resign myself or try to to the care and
protection of the Lord and try to say in all cases his
will be done Amen - Lat 35.00 Long 175.36 by Chr

by lunar
construction
175.24

Monday 4

another week of sorrow and care has commenced
with a heavy sea and gale from NW standing in
to WBS with sochawful heart but at 4 PM died and
at 6 shifted to South blew heavy we took in sail and lay by
till 9 then set main and fore sail and close reef to sails latter by
WBS latter part continues heavy SW wind comes WNW
heavy sea tone comes tone NW Lat 34.25 Long 175.12

Tuesday 5

heavy head sea and wind carrying aft under to get I hardly
know where at sundown the sun set entirely clear with a
heavy SW gale - saw a sail in WBS standing to SE under short
sail middle more moderate latter fine further wind South stood
to NW spoke the water May new 300 lbs. Lat 34.01 Long 174.40

Wednesday 6

light air till 4 then light ESE wind came by South latter calm
and flatting Lat 34.39 Long 174.15

Thursday 7

push NW at 6 saw Point Pocock wind from SW spent
the night on our backs latter come too in Bay of islands

Friday 8

begins fine weather latter employ land looking at the jobs

Saturday 9

begins fine weather opening latter getting rig and caulking

Sunday 10

for part all hands employ latter all hands on Liberty

by lunar
construction
175.05
175.01

Monday Dec 11. 1837

four port wind East French Ships come into Broadakka
Latter fine weather employ caulking and Rig

Tuesday 12"

four fine weather Latter stowed stach between decks

Wednesday 13"

hauled stach caulking and painting Latter part the same

Thursday 14"

employ fitting ship caulking and painting arrived
English Barque Psyche and French Whaler Latter fine
weather painting spars and masts

Friday 15"

fresh SW wind painting Latter fresh SW wind

Saturday 16"

fresh SW wind still caulking Latter fine weather painting

Sunday 17"

light SW wind and squally finished caulking Latter keeping Sunday

Monday 18"

four port keeping Sunday Latter coopersing oil and get out
a fish for our bowsprit beam which is badly sprung

Tuesday 19

Strong SW gale latter Dr. still coopersing

Wednesday 20"

fresh gales finished stowing down Latter cleaning ship

Thursday 21"

four port squally discharged till keel Latter painting

Friday 22

fine weather painting Latter squally went to British Consul

Saturday 23

fresh gale from NW Rainy Latter thick and raining

Sunday 24

commences calm and Rainy Latter keeping Sunday

Monday 25

more clear Latter employ painting

Tuesday 26

all hands are fully employ Latter bending sails

Wednesday Dec 27th 1837
for part getting water wood and potatoes latter setting up Rig

Thursday 28th
fine weather carried ashore spare anchor latter wind at ENE

Friday 29th
fresh ENE wind got off a load potatoes and wood latter much rain

Saturday 30th
gale from NE lying ready for sea arrived Victory latter first
heavy gale at NNE with rain

Sunday 31st
more moderate latter took up anchor and dropped down

Monday Jan 1st 1838
fresh NNE wind No get out latter dropped down

Tuesday 2nd 1838
strong NNE wind No get out latter light westerly air
at 4 o'clock anchor and out in company with the Mercator

Wednesday 3rd
hammered light baffling winds till 8 then fresh
bist. wind came East latter light SE wind 11:30
course East all sail stowed anchor Lat 34.47 Long E

Thursday 4th
light SE wind spoke for theon Pill Fall River 1900
Bound to Bay Islands another ship ahead set starsails
latter wind SW course ESE Lat 35.30 Long 178.30 E
Long 178.16

Friday 5th
fresh NNE wind came ESE all sail latter strong
gale course ESE all sail Lat 36.06 Long 181.20 E

Saturday 6th
Wind started to SSE course by with all sail. thinking
it inconvenient to continue our old account we
have assumed another day to make our time agree
with home account latter wind hauling round to
ENE tacked to SE Lat 35.41 Long 176.25 W

Sunday 7th
fine wind at NNE came ESE all sail out
latter fresh NNE wind came ESE all sail out
Lat 36.45 Long 174.00 W

Across the

Sunday January 7th 1838

increasing NW gale came ESE all sail latter continues
the same Lat 38.28 Long 170.40

Monday 8

fresh NW wind and hazy lower East all sail latter
fresh NBE wind lower East Lat 37.41 Long 166.40

Tuesday 9th

Strong NBE wind lower East all sail latter much fine
rain at 8 Wind from West lower East Lat 37.42 Long 163.40

Wednesday 10th

light SW wind lower East all sail latter Squally with
much rain from NBE Lat 38.00 Long 162.40

Thursday 11th

Squalls from NW at 4 shifted to SW at 8 calm latter
fine West Wind lower ESE all sail Lat 37.56 Long 160.10

Friday 12th

moderate West Wind lower ESE all sail latter Squally
NW wind lower East all sail Lat 38.07 Long 156.55

Saturday 13th

Strong West Wind high sea lower East latter light air with
heavy Squalls from SW Lat 37.49 Long 154.35

Sunday 14th

light and calm latter light NW wind lower ESE
all sail Lat 38.07 Long 153.00

Monday 15th

moderate NW wind lower ESE all sail latter fresh
NW wind and Squally lower ESE Lat 38.45 Long 150.00

Tuesday 16th

fresh West Wind lower ESE all sail I have been obliged to
suspend our second officer from duty for repeated acts
of neglect disobedience and instigating and encour-
aging others of the crew to do the same contrary
to my repeated advice and orders latter light and very
light SW wind lower ESE Lat 39.10 Long 147.20

Wednesday 17th

calm & dear calm I am patient from light wind at NW
lower ESE all sail Lat 39.12 Long 147.00

South Pacific

June 143.00

Thursday January 18th 1837

first WSW wind came ESE put M on duty again
 latter fresh wind came ESE Lat^d 39.53 Long^d 143.20

Friday 19th

strong WSW wind came ESE all sail latter strong SW wind and
 heavy very heavy SW well came ESE Lat^d 40.36 Long^d 140.00

Lat^d Lunar at 8 AM 136.36 by L^t 137.22 Saturday 20th

continued heavy wind and swell at 11 AM came ESE latter
 strong SW gale heavy squall with a very high swell and
 sea forced light sails came ESE Lat^d 41.16 Long^d 136.35

Lat^d Lunar at 8 AM 133.08 L^t 133.49 Sunday 21st

heavy SW wind heavy squalls came ESE double reefed sails
 latter continued the same Lat^d 41.30 Long^d 133.12

Monday 22nd

more moderate some squalls from SW came ESE latter decreasing
 South wind made sail as it moderate came by ESE

Lat^d 42.10 Long^d 129.09 Long^d at 8 AM by L^t 130.28 by Lunar time 129.49

Tuesday 23rd

wind decreasing gradually and starting to the South at 8 as far
 as SE came by East latter put calm till 11 AM then
 light ESE wind all sail to SE Lat^d 42.08 Long^d 128.10

Wednesday 24th

wind from ENE dark gloomy weather came by SE all
 sail latter ditto Lat^d 43.10 Long^d 126.34

Thursday 25th

first ENE gale and cloudy came to SE decreasing sail
 as wind increases very heavy to have such a wind but
 must be patient and hope for a change but latter part
 no change excepting for the worst tack to NBE Lat^d 43.19
 Long^d 125.30

Friday 26th

increasing gales at East bad sea from North close reefed sails
 furled main sail down fore and Mizst top. Lt wants a try the
 weather looked bad for the night forced fore top sail I am heart
 sick with this wind as we had hoped a short passage to the
 Cape but short passage seem out of the M. Mitchell
 time latter D^r wind and weather came to NEBE
 Lat^d 43.23 Long^d 125.00

main changed just as it entered the mid and indeed
 of being sheltered wind they were East for 9 days

Saturday Jan. 27th 1838

Another day has commenced with head wind
and a worse swell latter ditto Lat 42.50 Long 123.40

Sunday 28th

Ditto a swell from ESE not to be paralleled by anyone
I ever saw latter ditto Lat 42.49 Long Ditto

Monday 29th

Ditto all ditto latter NE wind Lat 43.24 Long 122.20

Tuesday 30th

Commences increasing wind from NE fair by ESE at 5
double reef topsails weather looking wild and bad with
a heavy sea from East this 5 days latter still growing
more thick & topsail Lat 44.23 Long 120.45

Wednesday 31st

Commences heavy NE gale at 4 hove to at 5 SE at 6 took
the boat the weather looking tremendously heavy with
a heavy sea and overcast heavy clouds latter heavy and
distressing ENE gale severe squalls wind and rain we
lay by to the SE a tremendous sea the ship laboring very
hard at 12 began to moderate Lat 45.00 Long 120.40

Thursday Feb 1st

wind gradually decreasing at 6 set topsails and courses
to keep the ship steady being a tremendous high swell
from ESE I desire to thank the Great and overruling
providence for preservation from damage during this
severe storm may ever retain a thankful remembrance
of it and instill it in my children latter calm and flattening
much joy Odear Odear Lat 45.18 Long 120.00

Friday 2nd

Calm till 4 then light puffs from Str heavy swell NE bent at 7 we
began to go ahead. This has been an anxious day to me we have been
delayed so long by adverse winds that I paced the deck the whole
day watching every cloud and fog bank that arose wishing and
praying for some sign of a fair wind at last it has come and may my heart
be thankful to the Lord latter moderate West wind some squalls of
rain came ENE Lat 44.40 Long 118.30

moon quartered as she was foggy and only a very strong light seen
this afternoon I started

Saturday Feb 3-1838

moderate West wind at 6 sun set clear almost and wind gradually dying away hope and pray it will continue fair latter squalls of rain a Sidney Barque passed in the light wind would not answer our signal near mind is only a convict at 10 Calm Lat 44.23 Long 116.00
Lat 116.00

Sunday 4th

light wind from NW increasing soon EBS we have all along experienced a Northern current not so perceptible in the by wind but strong in westerly ones latter squalls fine rain from SW course EBS Lat 44.40 Long 114.00

Monday 5th

Commences increasing gales from SW course EBS much rain at 6 double reefed the top sail rained all night in squalls latter squally SSE wind came East head wind almost Lat 44.39 Long 110.39

Tuesday 6th

Commences as usual going within 4 points of our course and a gale of wind latter light and flattening from SSE course by EBS wearing our souls out Lat by Galt 45.00 Long 108.45

Wednesday 7th

as usual hoping against hope at 10 Calm latter moderate wind from North course ESE all sail Lat 45.19 Long 107.26

Saw a Right Whale going NW

Thursday Feb 8th

for part strong NW wind steered ESE passed a right whale feeding at 7 weather looking bad we double reefed top sail our bil leaks bad latter squally North wind much fine rain stand ESE short sail Lat by poor Abt 46.48 Long by cut 104.48

Friday 9th

Strong gales from North and NW course ESE heavy swell from NW at 7 close reef top sails latter continues fresh NBE wind course ESE rainy at intervals - at 10 Long by Lh 100.05 W - Lat by poor Abt 48.00 Long 99.45

Saturday 10th

fresh NNE wind and heavy NW swell steered ESE fine rain hope and pray the Lord will grant us some westerly wind soon at 10 wind from NW latter moderate NW wind course EBS all sail Lat 49.08 Long 97.16 W

Sunday February 11th 1838

a beautiful N.W. wind course E.S.E. we have reduced our Longitude to 2 figures again and the prospect seems to brighten for better wind and for which I desire to be thankful to the Giver of every Good to man. Latter thick and rainy and wind at N.B.E. again patience. Lat Dec 49.50 Long 93.34^{sup}

Monday 12th

Squally and rainy with fog shortened sail. Latter East the wind North a dark cloud seems to be now over us and only providence can guide us the wind seems to hang in the North. No disposition to veering I am much deceived for I had confidently expected Western wind but it appears as tho this is not the time of year for them altho others have said they had them. I hope we shall find some soon as tis very fatiguing and I never had such wind and weather here before. When going home and hardly know whether we shall have any different we can only hope and pray for better wind and weather to add to our loss. our Oil leaks badly. middle part wind started to N.W. and latter fine breeze and lovely weather from N.W. course East at 12 o'clock Lat 50.19 Long Mean of 5 sets alt. 89.59

Tuesday 13th

Commences a lovely breeze and fine weather from N.W. steer E.S.E. all sail out how extremely thankful I am and desire to be for this blessed wind and weather. Latter calm and flattering thick and cloudy all round. Lat by Guess 51.15 Long 87.30

Wednesday 14th

Now the wind has got South thick rain and squally stood to E.S.E. shortened sail. Latter rain at 8 tacked to S.W. I do not know how our Ch^r is and expect the wind will start to West soon. middle part raining. Latter raining. Latter wind at 8 wind south tacked to E.S.E. at 10 more moderate made sail at 12. Wind from S.W. came by S.E. Lat 51.33 Long 87.36

Thursday 15th February

fore part wind starting gradually to WSW come SE set all
sail latter wind started to SW and very squally close reefed
topails come SE Long by Loran at 8^h 84.45 Lat 53.10 Long 85.45

Friday 16th

heavy gale from SW heavy sea come to SE at 6 gauled fore topail
Weather looking horrid bad Lord pressure as thro the snow
Storm at 9 hove too at 11 set fore sail again latter heavy
wind sea and squalls from SW B. I come by SE and SE B. E
under close reef and stay sail at 12 little more more
moderate Lord be thanked for it - Lat 53.58 Long 84.40

Saturday 17th

begins to moderate set close reef fore topail and reef mainsail
a heavy sea at 7 wind started to SW middle part wind at West
and raining latter fresh WSW wind and raining lower SE B. E at 12 wind
at SW Cloudy Lat 55.18 Long 82.20

Sunday 18th

fresh SW wind and cloudy lower SE at 2 spoke Ship. Robear
Brooks of Bedford in Long 79.42 at 6 wind moderate from
W. SW latter fresh WSW wind and much fine Rain lower
E B. E at 12 wind from West Lat 56.51 Long 82.05
(Saw a penguin)

Monday 19th

fresh West wind and much rain at 6 wind at WSW
lower East Weather looking very bad middle strong SW
gale heavy squalls steady E B. E a heavy swell
latter rather more moderate but heavy sea ship labors
had Long Loran at 9 AM 75.07 Lat 56.53 Long 74.41

Tuesday 20th

decreasing SW gale but heavy sea our Ship rolls up
much water all over deck but quite tight as yet
We do not make so much Dip Lat as we ought to
by the Loran we steer either a Northern current or
are compass are wrong latter strong West wind
lower East set studd sail Lat 57.20 Long 70.53
Loran at 2 past 8 - 70.51 by the same time 71.40

Saw 3 sperm Whales going SW
had seen the monster 8 days previous

Wednesday Feb 21 " 1838

Strong storm comes ENE at 7 spoke Charles of NB
Moulton - another ship under his lee beam is
the Aurora of Nantucket latter light baffling SE and
ESE wind and fog all round. Lat 57. Long 67. 45

Thursday 22

NNE wind fog spoke Planter of Nant. Heavily 88 days we
have a long terrible long passage and now a head wind latter
ditto and fog all sail to ENE. Lat 56. 24 Long 64. 34

Friday 23

So we get along No Western or Southern winds off Cape Horn
to speak of I have watched clouds, I have walked deck
I have done every thing man could do but no good
comes of it I have doubled the laps 12 times before and
never saw the match of this nor did I ever hear
of it before I try not to murmur for perhaps all
will work together for good but the prospect is as
dark as ever and sometimes I almost despair
may Providence in its mercies help us for no
other can avail us in the least latter fresh North
wind foggy at intervals at 10 double reefed the topails
down by ENE Lat 56. 07 Long 64. 00

Saturday 24

has commenced with increasing North gale much fine
rain we head to the ENE if I ever get away from here
and get home again I am almost determined never
to come again my mind is in a deranged state cares
and anxieties sharpen me. Our oil is again a leaking
badly at 7 a Barque passed us steering SW nearly with
independent rain at 10 light wind at South made all
sail to NEW much rain Lat 55. 55 Long 62. 50

Sunday 25

Blew from SE at 2 Sharp heavy swell from NE obliged
us to take in all sail at 6 calm lighted up in the NE had
me there this middle and latter baffling ESE wind
came NNE all sail Lat 55. 30 Long 61. 27

Change Moon

Monday February 26th 1838

light flattening ESE wind with heavy NE swell and cloudy weather before NE E latter strong SE wind and cloudy course NEB all sail Lat^t 54.17 Long^d 59.10

Tuesday 27th

Strong SE gale with flying clouds before NEB at 8 in top of Studrails latter strong south winds and passing squalls all sail to NRE Lat^t 52.18 Long^d 55.46

Wednesday 28th

fresh SW wind squalls of rain before NRE all sail latter ditto getting up top of Mast Lat^t 50.00 Long^d 52.50

Chap. Lunar 52.04 by 54.20 at 4 PM Thursday March 1st

fine southerly SW wind good weather all sail to NRE latter light southerly winds before NRE Lat^t 48.12 Long^d 50.50

Friday 2nd

light Beffling SSW wind before NRE all sail at 7 calm latter fresh North wind stood to NW Lat^t 47.37 Long^d 50.51

Saturday 3rd

commences a gale from NNE headed to NW shortening sail as wind in land middle part wind at East latter strong ESE gale with heavy North Sea Course North Lat^t 47.00 Long^d 51.00

Sunday 4th

heavy SE gales pumbling sea but a very heavy one from North Sea North let out one reef set new mainsail latter heavy gale at South with swell from East and high sea from South before NNE all sail Lat^t 43.55 Long^d 49.00

Monday 5th

heavy gale at South sending NNE 2 top sails and fore sail Rolling Rails under from bow to Quarter at 12 more moderate made sail latter moderate South wind heavy swell before NEB Lat^t 41.46 Long^d 47.00

Tuesday 6th

commences decreasing South wind high swell before NEB all sail at 12 latter light South wind before NE all sail and many snow birds caught 4 porpoises Lat^t 40.05 Long^d 45.00

Wednesday March 7th 1838

light baffling S.E. winds came N.E. B. E. all sail a heavy swell from South latter light and baffling at East all sail to N.E. Lat 39.29 Long 43.15.00

Thursday 8th

Baffling East and E.N.E. wind very heavy swell from S.E. We have had no Westerly wind for 14 days not since passing the Diego. Latter N.E. wind Lat 39.30 Long 42.40

Friday 9th

N.E. on head wind came N.W. B. N. Latter ditto came to N.W. Lat 38.29 Long 43.45

Saturday 10th

As usual tacked ship My trials are severe Latter ditto tacked to N.W. Lat 38.45 Long 43.20 ^{old ship} Long

Sunday 11th

Ditto Latter calm Lat 38.29 Long 43.50

Monday 12th

at 4 light airs at S.E. at 8 light at East so we go at 10 calm Latter calm got up fiddle sticks Lat 38.30 Long 44.00

Tuesday 13th

light E.N.E. wind a brig in the S.W. middle part strong East wind came N.B.E. Latter heavy wind at E.N.E. double reefed came to North N.O.B. Lat 37.30 Long 44.30

Wednesday 14th

Blowing an heavy E.N.E. wind at 6 clouds top of 4 in fore topmast headed to North Weather looking very bad with a heavy sea at 12 wind at North wore to E.N.E. Latter heavy squall from S.W. headed N.E. Lat 36.34 Long 43.40

Thursday 15th

heavy S.W. gale tremendous scudding N.E. at 6 more modest Latter strong West Gale came N.E. all sail Lat 34.50 Long 41.45

Friday 16th

Strong West wind and high S.W. sea came N.E. under all sail Latter moderate from West all sail to N.E. but we go along slow Lat 32.57 Long 39.24

Saturday March 17th 1836

at 1 a Squall from NW at 2 calm at 3 wind from SSW at
4 from SE at 6 light from EBS so we delay our time
wearing away in the service of the Mary Mitchell middle
part wind with Rain from West to SE course ESE latter
moderate with squalls of rain from ESE course
by to the NEB N Lat^h 31.50 Long^o 37.19
37.49

Sunday 18th

much rain moderate ESE to ESE wind came by with
high swell from from South latter light ESE wind
come to the NE all sail Lat^h 30.49 Long^o 37.00 Lat^h 36.15

Monday 19th

moderate SE wind fine weather latter ESE all sail
latter strong SE wind come by Lat^h 29.25 Long^o 35.36 Lat^h 34.57

Tuesday 20th

strong SE wind and squally come by NE latter squally from
ESE come NE reefed to sails Lat^h 27.46 Long^o 34.17 Lat^h 33.34

Wednesday 21st

Squally ESE wind double reefed come by NE latter strong
East gale heavy sea come by NE 3 pts leeway Lat^h 25.57 Long^o 33.30

Thursday 22nd

Bowing lee bow fore mast going 2 knots under double reef
main sail jib and spanker what a ship latter squally till
12 then heavy gale in gusts from NE split jib full to peak
more ship to ESE No Ob Lat^h 24.30 Long^o 32.46

Blacksmiths Iron Clew Ring broke Friday 23rd

More Moderate from East made sail to NNE heavy sea
latter strong wind and passing squalls varying from ESE
to NE come by mending jib Lat^h 23.15 Long^o 32.21

Saturday 24th

strong ESE wind with heavy squalls wind and Rain
come NEB N latter very squally at 11 calm Lat^h 21.40 Long^o 31.50

Sunday 25th

Much lightning Night
calm till one then light ESE wind come EBS at 6 squally in
light sails Much lightning at 9 calm calm all night and all
the latter part and I cant get home to Betsy
the Long are all by Lat^h 21.19 Long^o 31.47 Chr. 5

Monday March 26th 1838

Calm till 4 then light air from SW all sail to SE
light during the night latter calm took up a tier of
water out the storage and put a tier of oil thus Lat 20.39 Long 31.36

Tuesday 27th

light SW winds came with all sail latter entirely calm
employ Repacking our Bore Lat 19.36 Long 31.41

Wednesday 28th

calm and excessively hot the moon ^{on} at 8^h in the shade
at 4 light air from SE came NBE latter squally and
variable from NNE to ESE Lat 18.10 Long 31.46

Thursday 29th

light baffling winds from SW to SE came NBE
up Royal yards latter calm and flattering mending old
sails 3 reefs in sight Lat 17.01 Long 31.31

Friday 30th

Light air or rather calms from NE came by NNW
middle nearly calm latter light NE wind came by NNW
outsailed a ship and brig very much but then light airs
are very trying and we now make beating rather too
fast I hope we shall have a trade soon Lat 16.14 Long 32.05
Lunar 32.17

Saturday 31st

As usual light baffling NE wind no trade yet latter
ditto Lat 15.22 Long 32.45 by Lunar at 32.52

Sunday April 1

Going NBN and making nearly a NW course owing
probably to a strong Western current there can be no
dispute but the Mary Mitchell is bound home
if any one doubts it she will go would serve
to convince the most sceptical unbeliever in the
world latter light air from EBN came NBE all
sail Lat 14.05 Long 33.00 (by Lunar 33.15)

Monday 2nd

a blessed little breeze from East came NBE at 6 AM
all sail continued during night and latter at EBN
all sail to the NBE Lat 12.30 Long 32.55 and by
Lunar 33.14 thus the ship is 20 miles West of the

the directions were from English Nautical Magazine

Tuesday April 3 1838

moderate E. by N wind came N. B. at 6 wind E. by E. Our Ch^r
has lost 4 minutes in 13 days. Latter squally and variable
from E. by E. to East came North Lat^d 10.21 Long^d 33.15

Wednesday 11"

Squally with calms and variable from E. by E. to S. E. came
N. W. till 5 then North put out the boats and anchors
middle and latter heavy squalls wind and rain and
succeeded by calms and varying from E. by E. to N. E. we
steer to the North. Lat^d 18.44 Long^d 33.50

Thursday 5"

Squally calms and variables steer N. W. till 6 then haul
up North thick weather. Steer North till 12 then West
at daylight No Land in sight. all sail to West spoke
Ship. Hercules from Bahia bound to Boston in.
Long^d 34.30 Lat^d 8.10 Long^d 34.14

Friday 6"

calms till 4 then light from South came in
N. W. 2 sail in sight at 5 shot we saw the Land
but so hazy uncertain kept headed in. N. W. at 9
sounded no bottom 60 fathoms run in 5 miles sounded
25 fathoms at 9 saw the light at 10 calms in 25 fathoms
calm and heavy rain during the night at daylight
pernambuco was 12 miles N. W. and the wind from
West stood to S. W. many Catamarans Lat^d 8.13 Long^d 34.58

Saturday 7"

Calms till 4 then light wind from East all sail to N. W.
Directions for this port are Baring the light to Bore N. W.
Run for it anchor in 8. 7 or 6 fathoms taking care
the light on anchoring does not bear North of N. W.
I followed those directions and when about 7 miles from
lighthouse with the above bearing the soundings were 15 fathoms
Gradually decreasing to 11 and 10 fathoms which depth
we held a long distance say at least 2 miles then shoaled
Suddenly to 9 to 8 and drop anchor in 7 1/2 fathoms light
bearing N. W. at 9 O'clock P. M. Latter wind at East heavy
swell on shore so E. came

the direction was from English Nautical Magazine

Sunday April 8th 1838
still lying at Anchor Latter Got off Water in
a Launch and Area Reef & Mole for DC

Monday 9th
at 4 got under way Beat out wind on shore
at 6 Weather English Bank some no nearer
this or Olinda Reef than 7 fathoms took
to South you can stand to South as far as
Augustine keeping off 1 mile from shore
Latter light air from South course N 13 E all
Sail. Land 6 leagues Lat 6.30 Lon 25 miles West

Tuesday 10th
made to S E wind course N 13 E Latter light
S E wind course N 13 W fitting rig Lat 4.38 Lon 35.25

Wednesday 11th
light East wind course North all sail Latter light
E N E wind course by N 13 W Lat 2.39 Lon 35.31

Thursday 12th
Wind from N N E to N E very light of course we
are bound home if we were bound anywhere else
the wind would be ahead on calm Patience Patience
Latter Squally raining thunder and Lightning wind at
N N W tacked to N E to Ob Lat 1.40 Lon 36.40

Friday 13th
light air from N E to N N E course by all sail
Latter calm Lat 4.50 Lon 37.03

Saturday 14th
Calm till 4 then light air from E 13 N course N N W
Middle and latter parts calm I Note that there
has been no current the last 3 days Lat 3.23 Lon 37.15

Sunday 15th
by 4 a lovely sweet East Wind out studd sails
course N 13 W for my dear Betty God Bless her
Latter fine wind calm N 13 W Lat 1.09 Lon 37.25

Monday 16th
fine E N E wind course N 13 W all sail Latter very strong
N E wind course N W in light sails Lat 2.42 Lon 38.35

Tuesday April 17th 1838

Strong NE wind Squally and very low sea. Latter squally calm NW Lat 4.17 Long 40.07

Wednesday 18

Cloudy and Squally with heavy sea land by NW Latter continue same Lat 5.45 Long 40.55

Thursday 19th

Cloudy overcast with fresh NE trades high sea calm NW Latter the same Lat 7.14 Long 42.00

Friday 20th

Cloudy overcast strong NE gales and very low sea NW Latter moderate calm as above Lat 9.03 Long 43.15

Saturday 21

more moderate set light sails calm NW middle and latter fine weather wind mostly from ENE calm NW Lat 10.52 Long 45.35

Sunday 22nd

Commenced light cut with calm NW Latter squally all sail set Lat 12.32 Long 47.30

Monday 23rd

^{ENE} moderate wind and fine weather calm NW Latter light squally from East 10.00 Lat 14.10 Long 49.30

Gulf Wind

Tuesday 24th

Wind ENE calm NW all sail set and left Latter fine ENE wind calm NW Lat 15.45 Long 51.03

Wednesday 25th

fresh ENE wind calm NW Latter part continues Strong calm NW all sail Lat 17.40 Long 53.07 Gulf Wind

Thursday 26th

Very strong wind calm NW Latter very strong winds took in light sails Lat 20.00 Long 55.07 much Gulf Wind

Friday 27th

very strong trades calm NW all sail Latter fresh ENE gale calm NW all sail Emp. by mending sails Lat 22.24 Long 57.12

The Mary Mitchell bound home with Calms

Saturday April 28th 1838

more moderate calm NW all sail latter light SE
wind calm NW Lat 24.06 Long 59.30

Sunday 29th

light ESE wind calm NW latter wind NE calm NW
Lat 24.04 Long 60.58

Monday 30th

moderate NE wind calm NW paper Van English Barge
Lat 24.04 Long 61.10 Luna. same time 61.14

Latter nearly calm painting ship. Lat 25.03 Long 62.20

Tuesday May 1st

Nearly calm. a Barge in the South standing to the North
thine hour and more slow enough I am tired to death with
calms and a long passage latter calm Lat 26.21 Long 63.58

Wednesday 2nd

head a NW wind so we go back calm for a week God bless
my dear family for it sometimes appears that there is no
bleeping to be expected by us while in this ship latter strong
NNE wind calm NW sea from NW for the last 3 days
very much. Gull Wind in large beds Lat 26.53 Long 64.00

Thursday 3rd

moderate NNE wind all sail to the NW paper a long
steering SE Long by Luna 64.06 for same time 64.00 middle
calm latter Lat 27.37 Long 65.00

Friday 4th

time and calms are injuring my health latter light
West Wind spoke a cutter from Bermudas to I had
Long 65.54 Lat 28.51 Long 65.46

Saturday 5th

calms are nearly so from West don't look
for a Barge till we are near Port but I am
almost out latter part fine NW breeze calm
NW saw a Barge Lat 30.11 Long 67.00

Sunday 6th

fine NW breeze calm NW saw a Ship and 2 Barges
latter heavy squalls wind and rain from SW station
sail at 12 more moderate Lat 31.45 Long 69.04

Monday May 7th 1837

light baffling West wind Come NWW Latter light ENE
wind Come NWW Lat 32.25 Long 69.55

Tuesday 8th

light East wind till 6 the ENE Come NWW Middle
Calin Latter Calin till 8 the a wind from WBS spoke
Ship. Triton Barge 8 days from Plymouth bound to
Havana Lat 33.16 Long 70.12

Wednesday 9th

fresh wind at 12 still 6 then shifted to West Had to
NW wind at 6 NW latter to NW spoke Brig
Ashley 6 days out from somewhere bound nowhere
80 miles out the way in his Long an infant could
not talk plain better put on petticoat again for
he had some on board Lat 34.15 Long 70.50

Thursday 10th

begin calm and I suppose the middle and Latter the
same this ship never made so quick passage any
where as any other ship or vessel in fact we must
allways allow 1/3 or 1/4 more time for her passage
than others. Since we passed the Diego 3/4 of the
time the wind has been ahead or it has been Calm
and it will allways be so with her same more
to the home and will sum her up in these words
after a person has had as much of her as there
they ought to quit her and I mean to as soon af
ter she arrives as I can get my foot on land
which I pray the Lord may soon be good

Bye Mary Mitchell

Good Lucky Craft
Long Passage Ship

Lat 34.40 Long 71.20

Friday 11th

Ditto Lat 34.12 Long 73.15 Spoke Barge Rapid
Had 4 Days from York to Havana - Mr Gale

Winter

Saturday 12th Not May
W Gale latter calm Lat 34° 22' Long 73° 25'
Sunday 13th

Small WSW wind latter Wind at 4 mat 9
passed thro the Northern Tip of the Gulf stream
the current running very strong twisted the ship
up 5 points as she shot into it Lat 35° 10' Long 73° 00'
Monday 14th

moderate West wind lower North spoke brig
Sarah of Rochester. Mayhew master 14th 450 tons
at 6 passed another whale brig latter nearly calm
passed another Lat 37° 32' Long 72° 50'

Tuesday 15th
calm till 6 then Wind from East at 9 strong & NE
Wind came in North latter Wind at NE came NW
all sail out Lat 38° 39' Long 72° 55'

Wednesday 16th
fine part calm no bottom here goes down previous time
latter fine small wind South lower NBE
Several sail in sight Long by chron & bell 72° 48'
Lunar 72° 32' Lat 39° 45'

Thursday 17th
fresh Smoky SW Wind Schooner Good Hope from
Charleston to Boston said Montague bore NNE
bent cable Black Island NNE & E Gay Head NE & N 120
miles at 4 sounded in 32 fathoms land and then NNE
under short sail at 9.30 fathoms land at 11.25 3°
at 12.16 then saw Montague light bearing NE by N
head ENE at 4 Black Island bore NW took Pilot
and stood for the land

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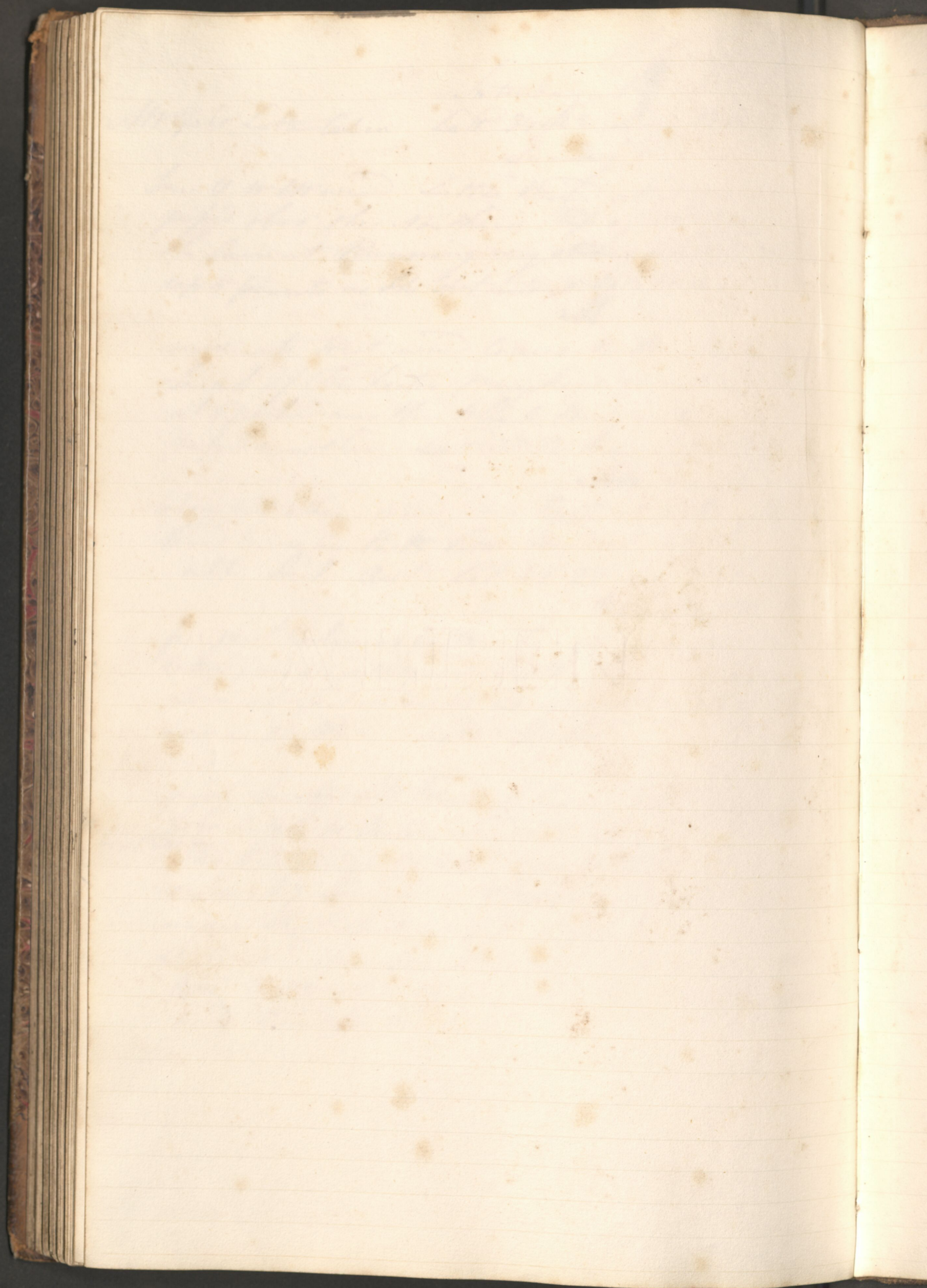
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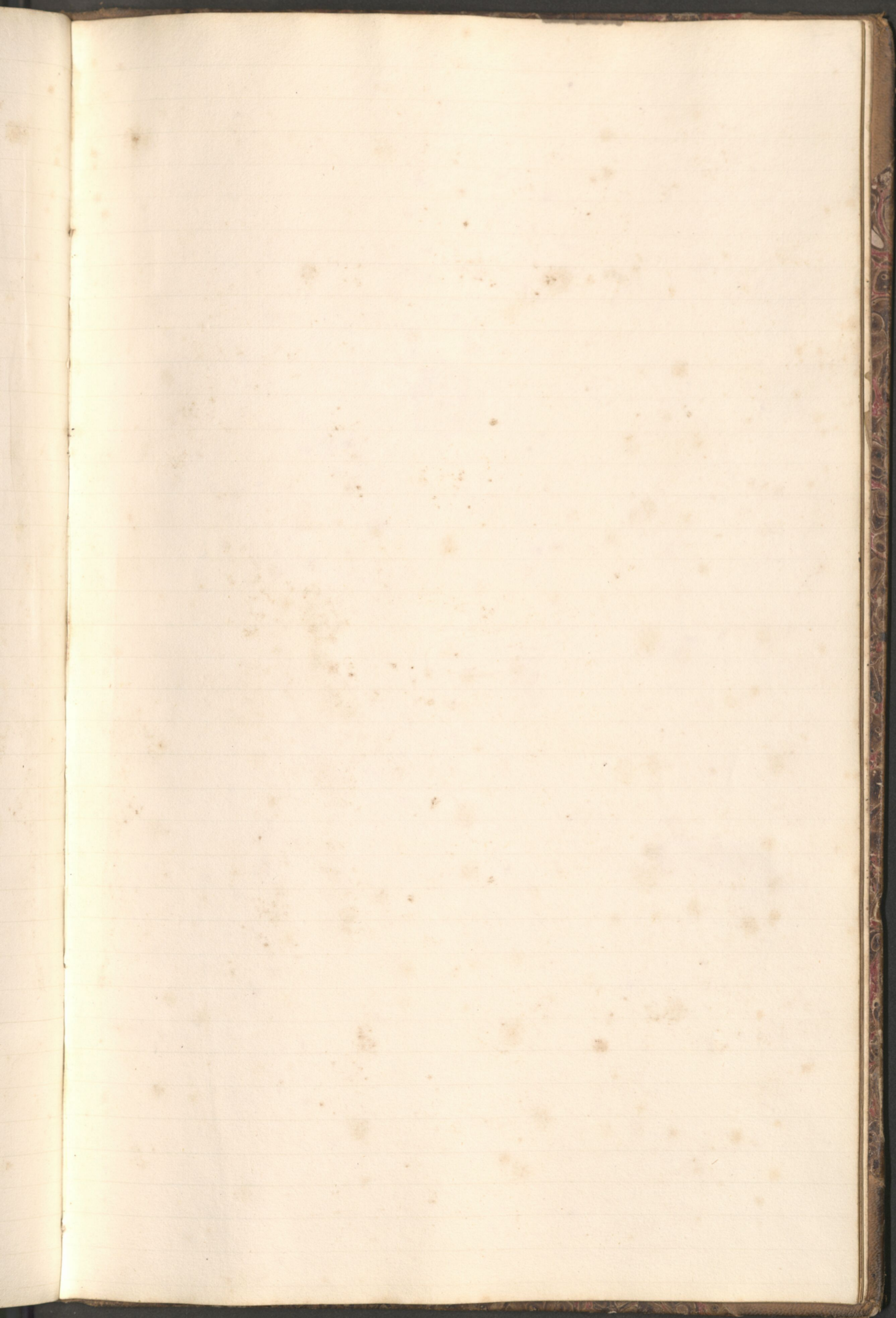
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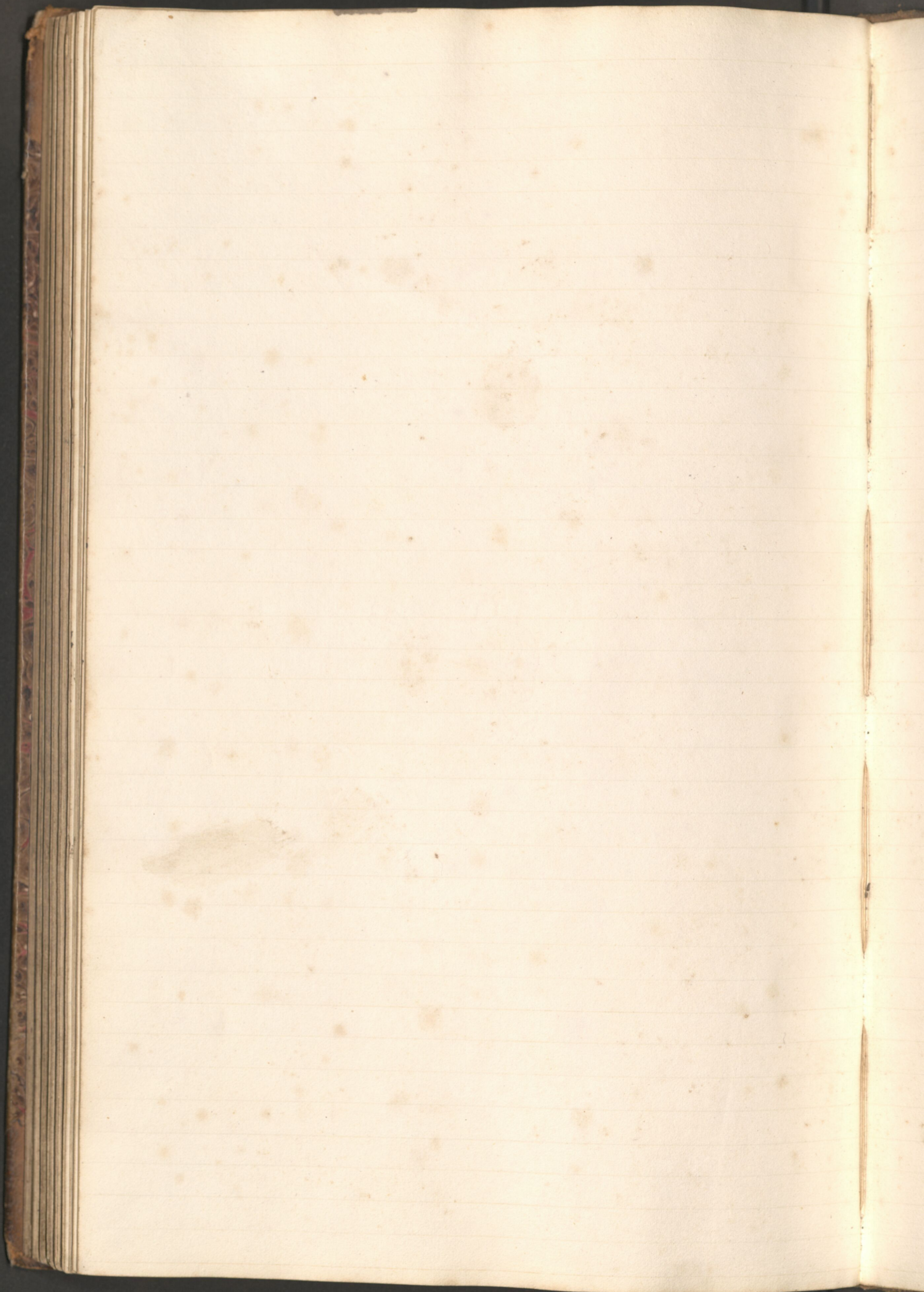
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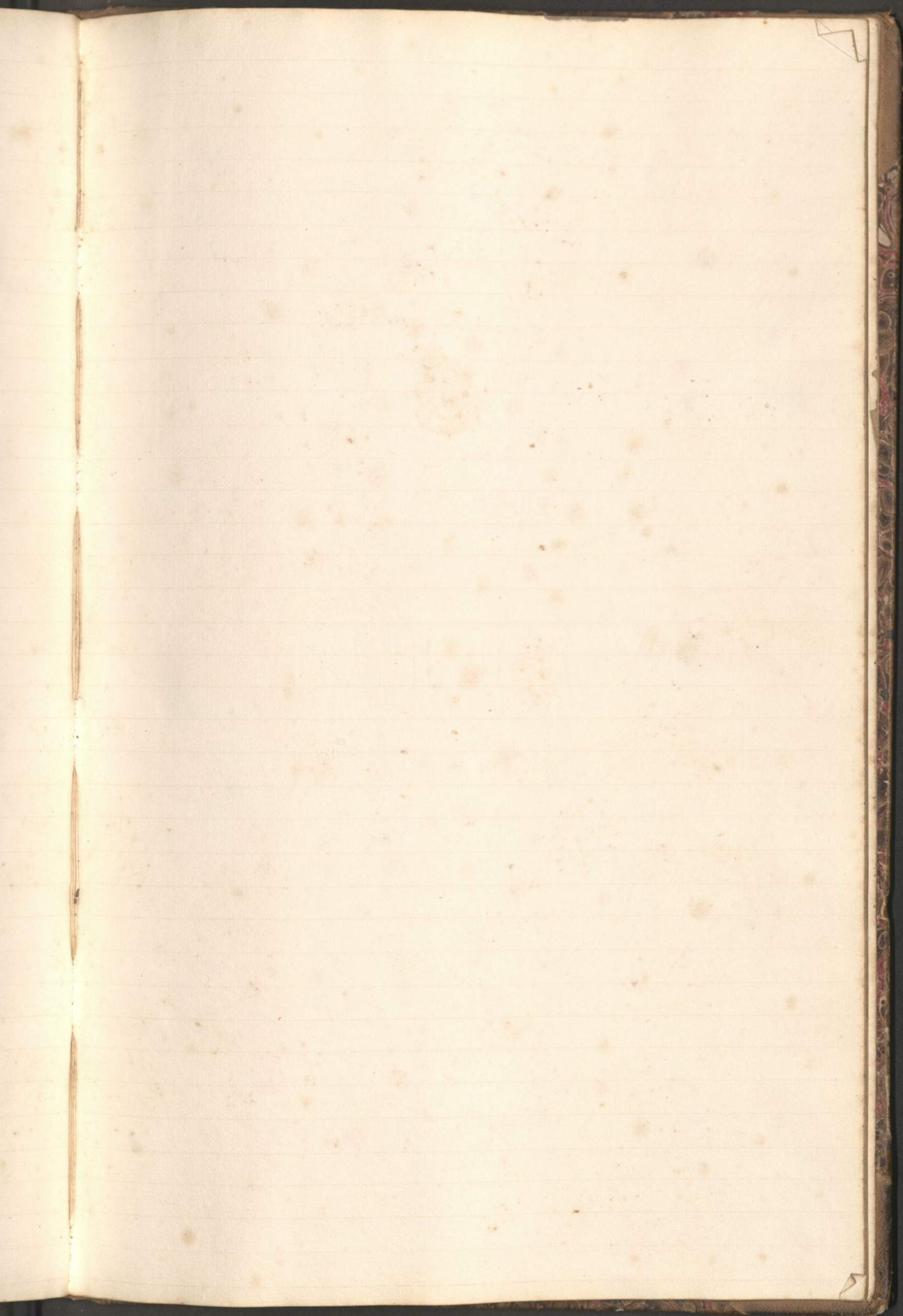
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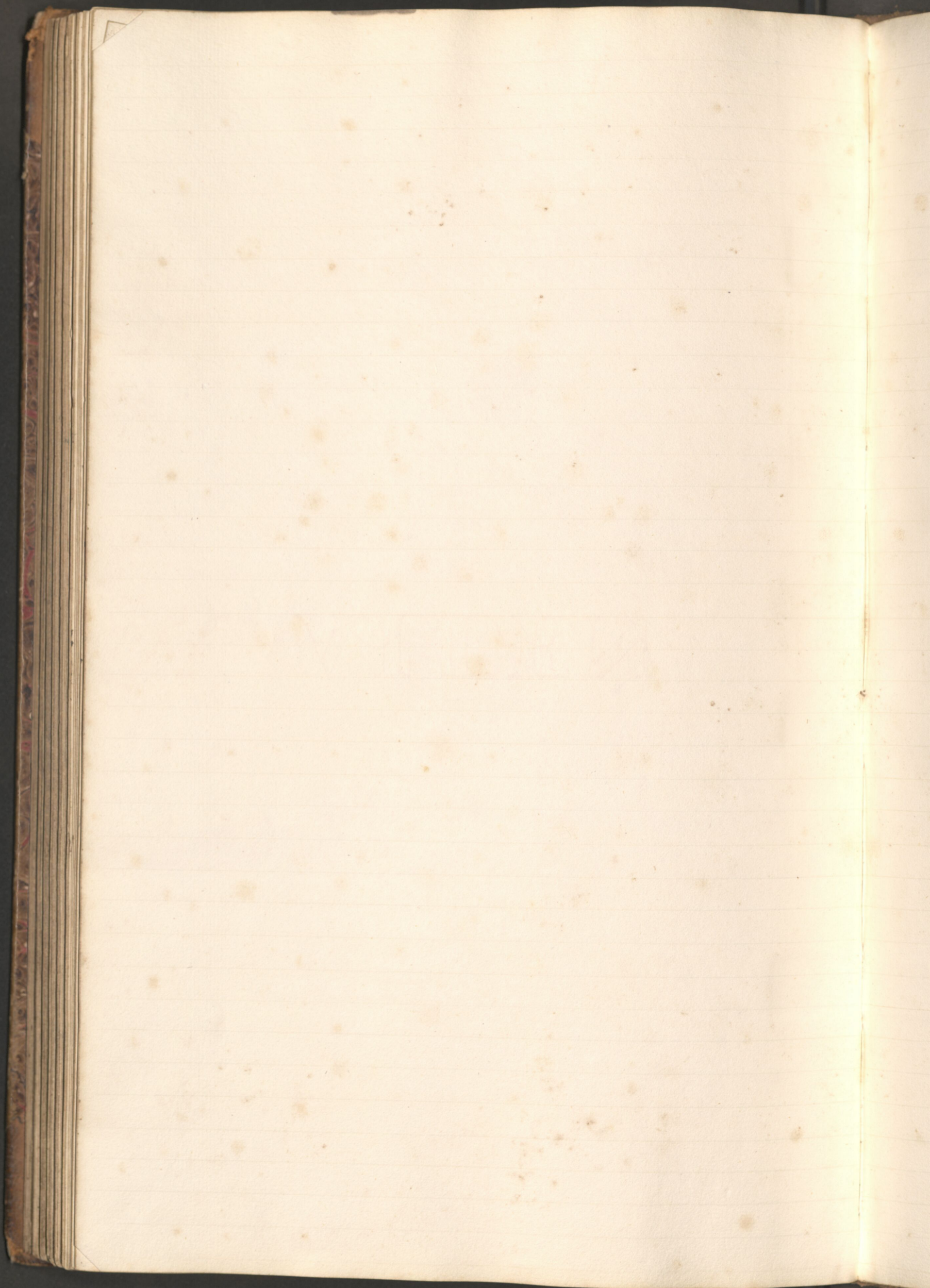
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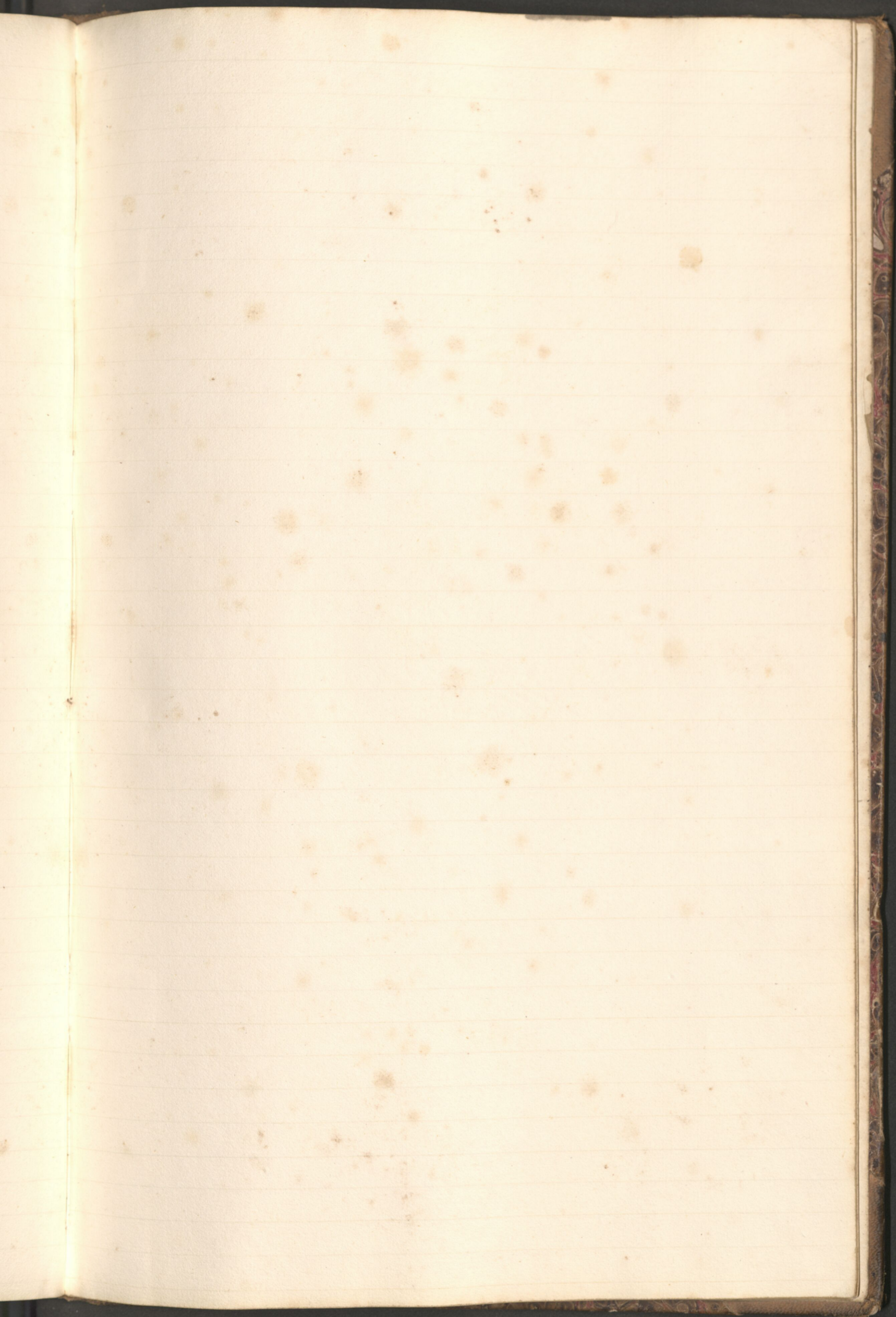


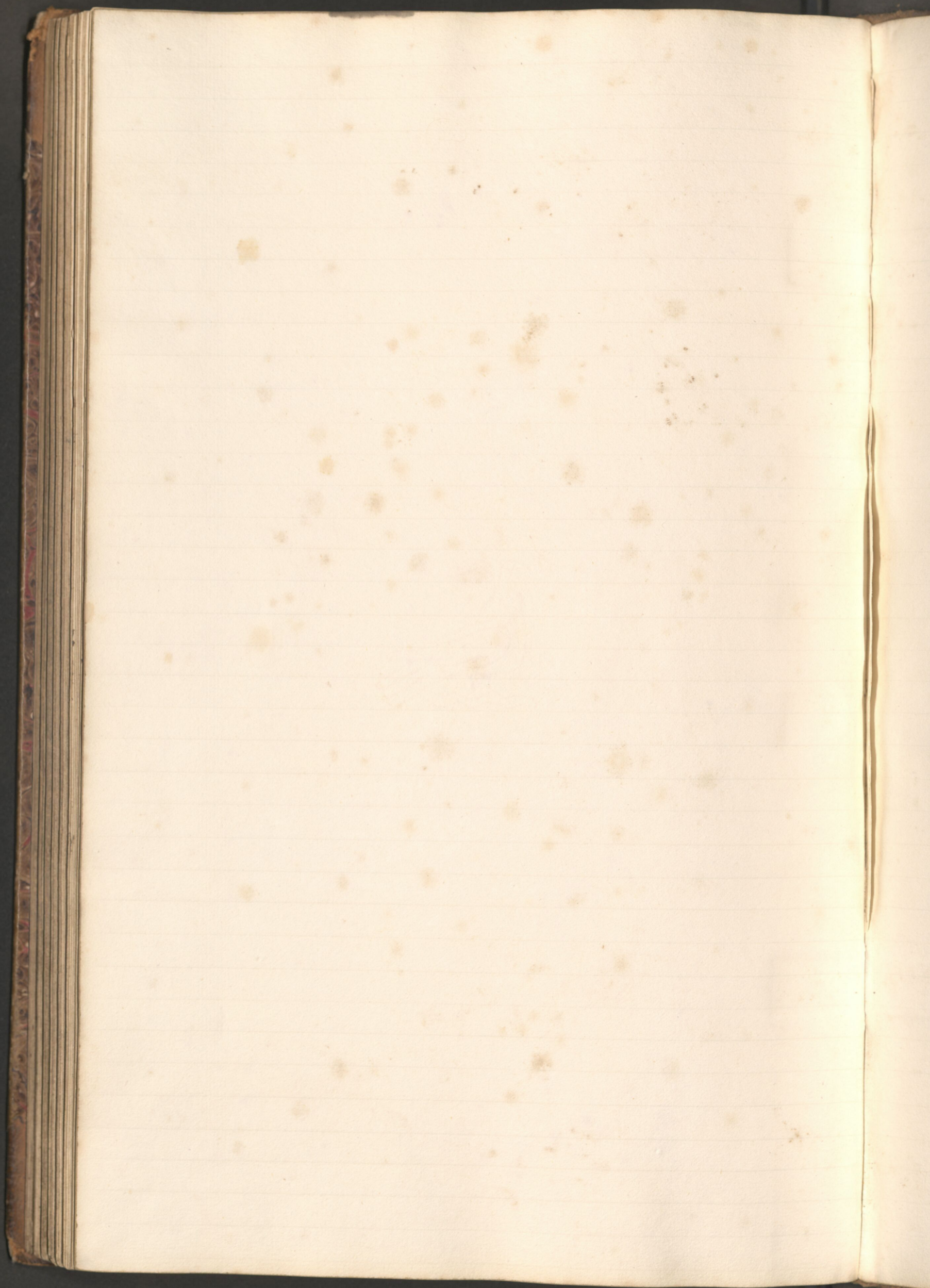


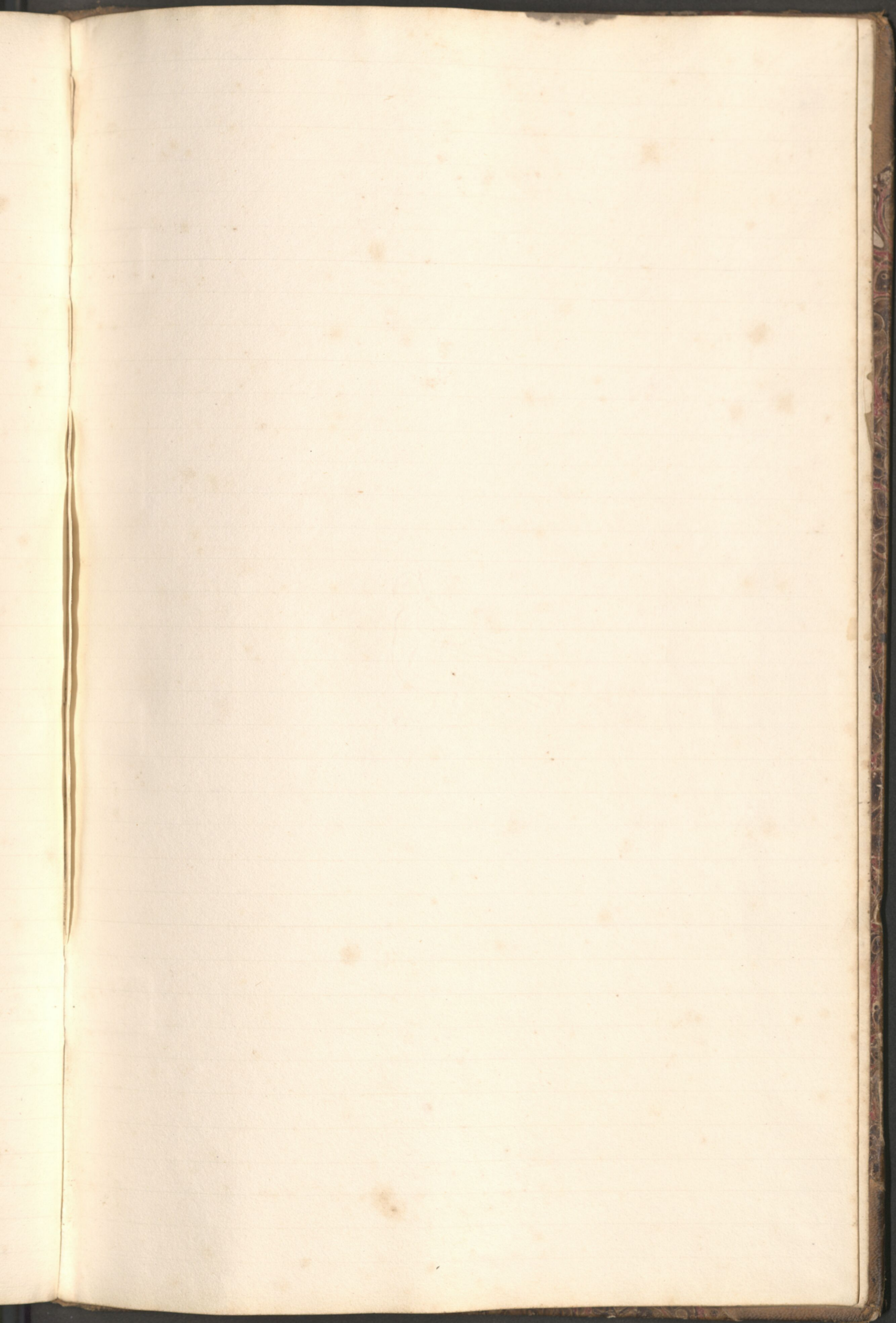


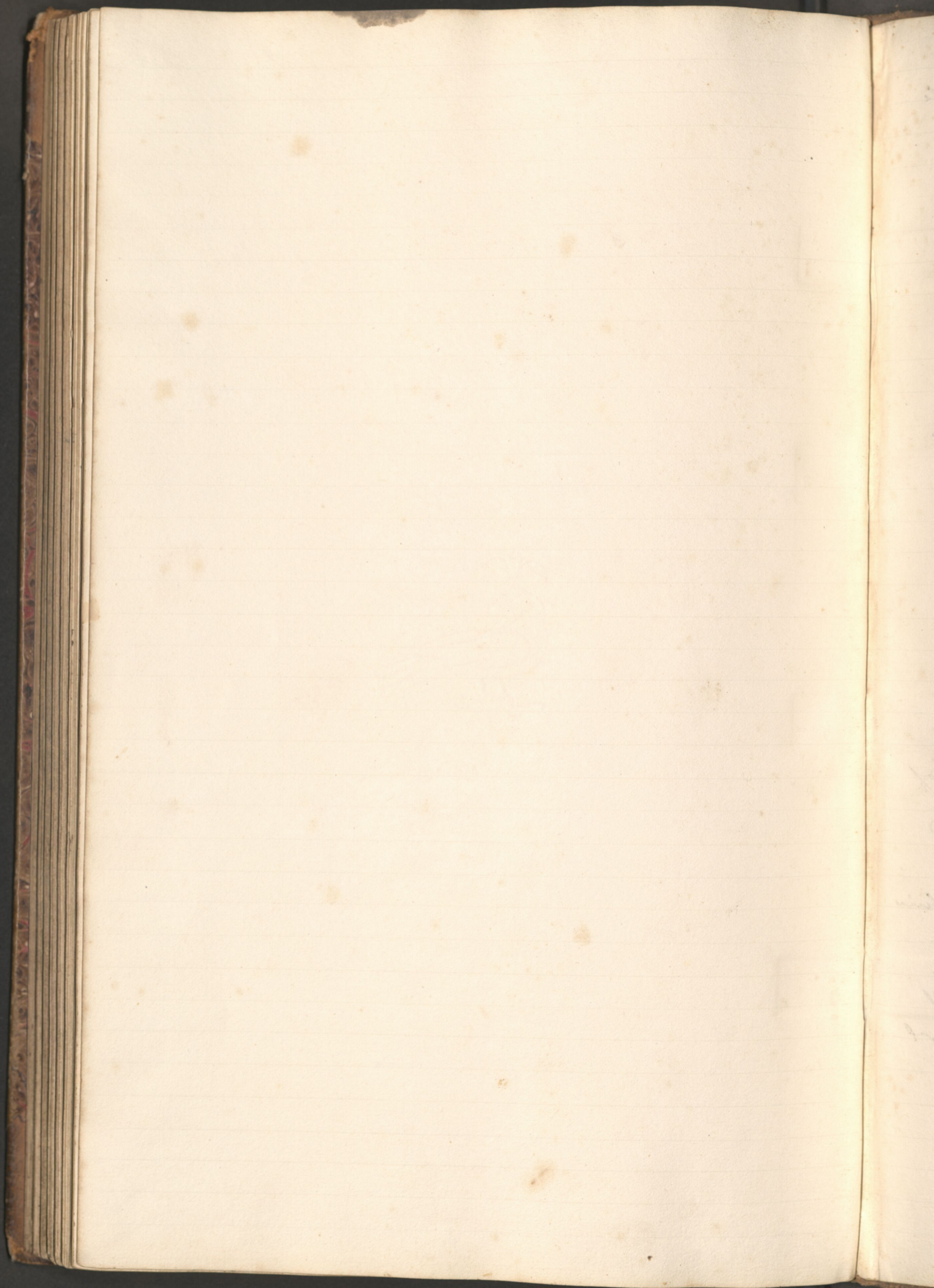












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Ship Mercator, On Sumatra

1837 April 30.	21.33 S	—	110.50 E	Sperm Whale
May 13.	17.32	—	116.51	Large Whale
May 16.	17.21	—	115.58	
" 18.	17.40	—	116.44	
" 19.	17.40	—	117.00	
25.	17.32	—	116.20	
30"	17.35	—	116.25	
June 3	18.21	—	116.21	
4"	18	—	8°	
5"	18.00	—	116.48	
18"	18.10	—	116.50	
19"	—	—	118.00	
23—	16.12	—	117.20	
Left for Copang and arrived July 10"				
July 30"	15.59	—	116.32	
Aug 9.	17.45	—	117.00	
Sept 1. 82	16.01	—	116.47	
" 8"	15.59	—	115.20	
" 23—	15.57	—	116.05	
Oct 6"	22.02	—	106.42	
7"	22.40	—	105.22	

On passage from here to New Zealand in part of Oct and Nov. we saw Right and Sperm Whales from Lat 35 to 45 S and Long 110 E to 100 E

had Good Weather throughout all the time from April to Oct and informed by an English Captain an Old Cruiser that the weather was better in March and April and Whales plentier than in May and June

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Cape Frio has a Revolving Light Clear
Weather seen 40 miles East Brazil

Shoal Lat^d 34.18 S
- 179.00 W

two handkerchief or Plakes etc. in the same packet for it
appears to be all one - 00.17 1/2 Long 177-15 W

Otatit July 17th

Alexander S. Jay of Sam^l Jay

Cash \$	\$ 5.00
30 yds blue Cotton at 21¢	6.30
2 Knives at 37 1/2¢	.75
1 pea jacket half worn	4.00
1 pair shoes fine	1.50
1 fancy shirt 1.50 1 strip 1.50	3.00
	<u>\$ 23.55</u>

Contra

By 1 fancy shirt	1.50
By 1 silk hat	4.00
	<u>5.50</u>
Balance due S. Jay	\$ 18.05

which if he makes a voyage he will
pay and if he does not he is entirely
welcome to from his affectionate

Friend and Brother

On July 31. 1837

Sam^l Jay

Lent Alexander S. Jay \$3.00 more
and balance of Capt^m

Cottons account of cloth 5-92

J. H. Barnard 3 Vol^s of Stephenson
South America and my Blackwood

Magazine lent to Capt^m C. Chas

Ship Waverly

W. B. D. S. D.

Sept. 22 Sea Acc. 1835

at 4 PM

times for Chron

sun alt

6.24.11	26.58	0.53.34	Dubington	02701
23	55	5.53	Cor	4
37	52	90.47.41	PD	9.55532
71	16.5	20.00	Lat	9.82424
6.24.24	26.55	27.06	alt	19.40661
Note for part 28.58	Lat alt 27.06	137.54	sun	
mean time 5.55.26		68.57.5	sun	9.70330
2 ^d Ship 3.55.53		41.51	sun	time 4.02.40
1.59.33 diff time				Sub Equator 6.47
Long 29.53.15				mean time at ship 3.55.53

This island in clear - saw Trinidad bearing $SE \frac{1}{2} S$
 weather may be seen 60 miles - about 50 miles dist or 45 miles
 but as it is very hazy with 2 degrees variation. Westly give
 a heavy cloudy S.W. wind - 38 miles dist Long
 I judge not more than 29.05 Long Trinidad
 45 miles or 48 at the 29.43 supposed Long by bearing
 most 29.53 Long by Chron
 10 error in watch

Blomney bay April 30 - 1836

Obs alt sun	67.25.20	by Artificial Horizon
Angle for	33.42.40	S Declination
True alt	16.00	Correction for 9.42 Long 118 E
Refraction	1.00	Correct alt 14.42.56
33.58.40		
33.57.40		
36.02.20	Correct Length Dist S	
14.42.56	N Declination	
South Lat	41.19.24	

Diff Time of Chron
 May 2 11.32.15

July 17 th Long by Chron	151.12 W	208.48 E Chron
True Long	149.44	210.16 E
	1.28	1.28 too far West
18 th Long by Chron	151.33 W	208.27 E
True	150.00	210.00 E
	1.33	1.33 too far West

about the General Average of Synt. or alt
 is 1.30 seconds West of the true Long that is
 the Ship is 1.30 East of the Situation designate
 by the Chron

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